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Herman, Munster storyteller,
spins a bat time tale with a DEAD end!
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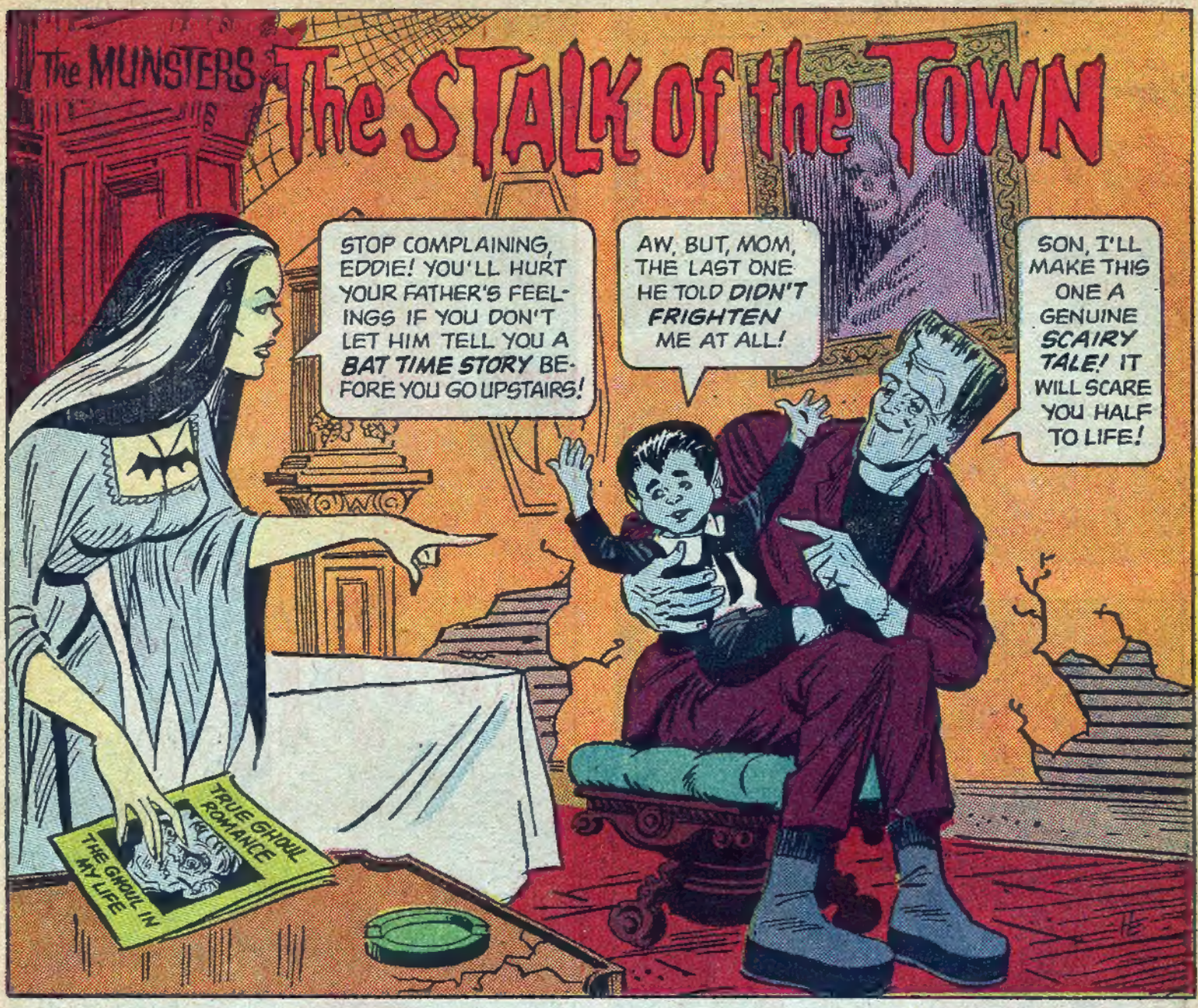
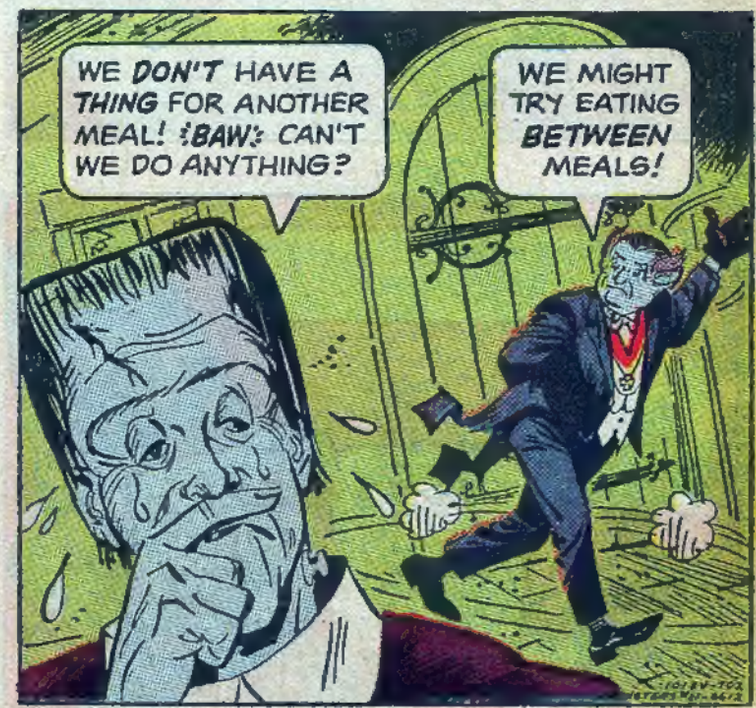
The MUNSTERS
CRYSTAL SET
AH, WHAT A LOVELY WAY TO SPEND AN EVENING -- LOOKING INTO GRANDPA'S CRYSTAL BALL!
I HOPE WE CAN CONTACT MY COUSIN IN TRANSYLVANIA!
NOW LET'S SEE IF THE SPIRITS ARE WORKING! HA! HA!
AHA!... SOMETHING'S COMING IN!
NUTS! THE ONLY CRYSTAL BALL IN THE WORLD THAT GETS COMMERCIALS!
1 GAL
WHOOPEE WOLFBANE JUICE


The MUNSTERS
The STALK of the TOWN
STOP COMPLAINING, EDDIE! YOU'LL HURT YOUR FATHER'S FEELINGS IF YOU DON'T LET HIM TELL YOU A BAT TIME STORY BEFORE YOU GO UPSTAIRS!
AW, BUT, MOM, THE LAST ONE HE TOLD DIDN'T FRIGHTEN ME AT ALL!
SON, I'LL MAKE THIS ONE A GENUINE SCAIRY TALE! IT WILL SCARE YOU HALF TO LIFE!
TRUE GHOUL ROMANCE
THE GHOUL IN MY LIFE

"ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A LITTLE BOY WHO LIVED WITH HIS GRANDPA IN A COTTAGE IN TRANSYLVANIA..."
SQUEE
SQUEE
GRANDPA, THE BATS HAVE RAIDED THE CUPBOARD AGAIN!
RELATIVES! I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO INVITE THEM FOR A VISIT!



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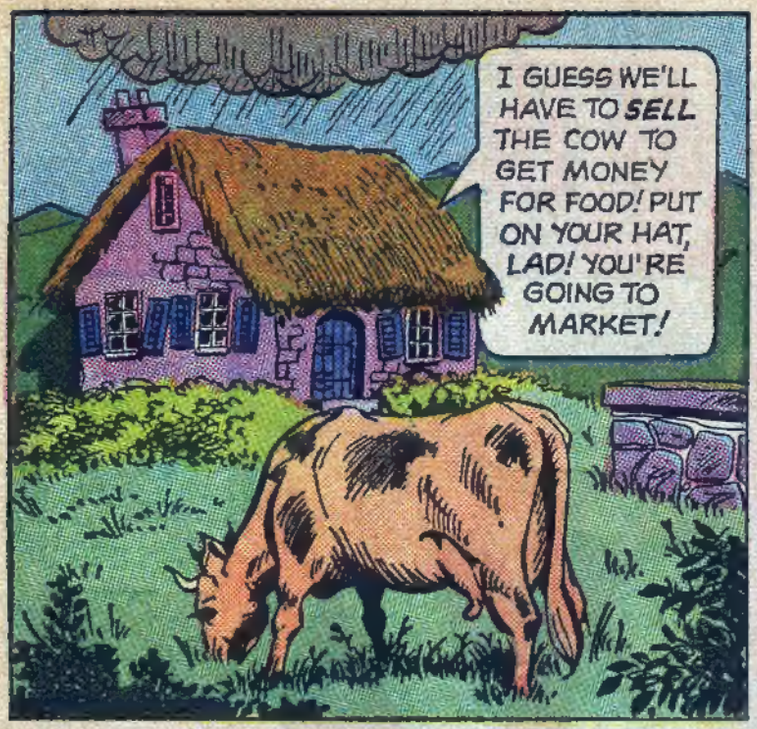
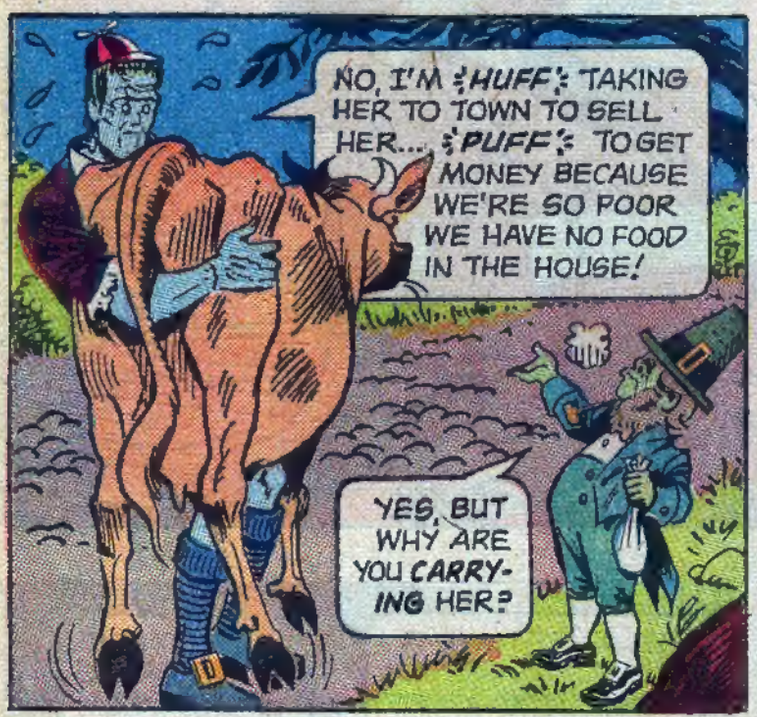
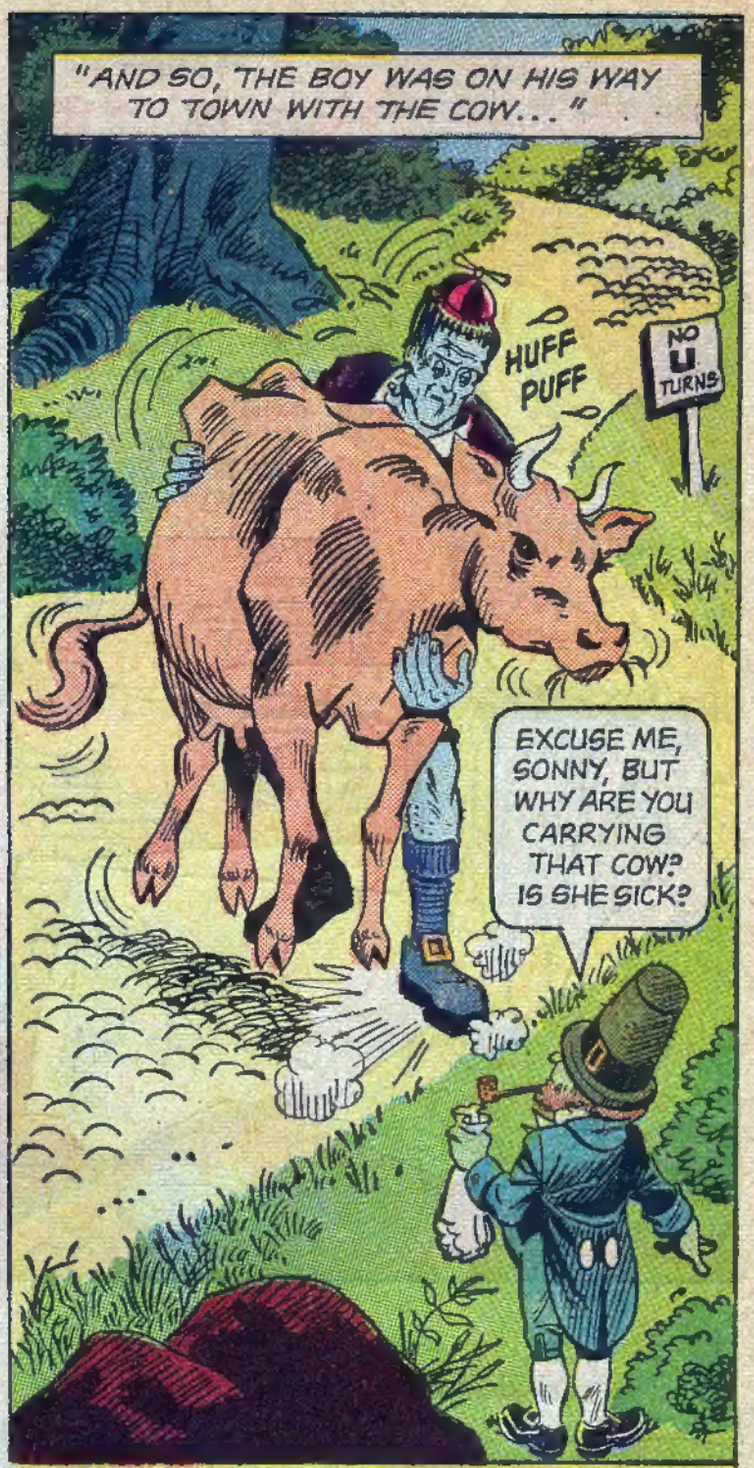
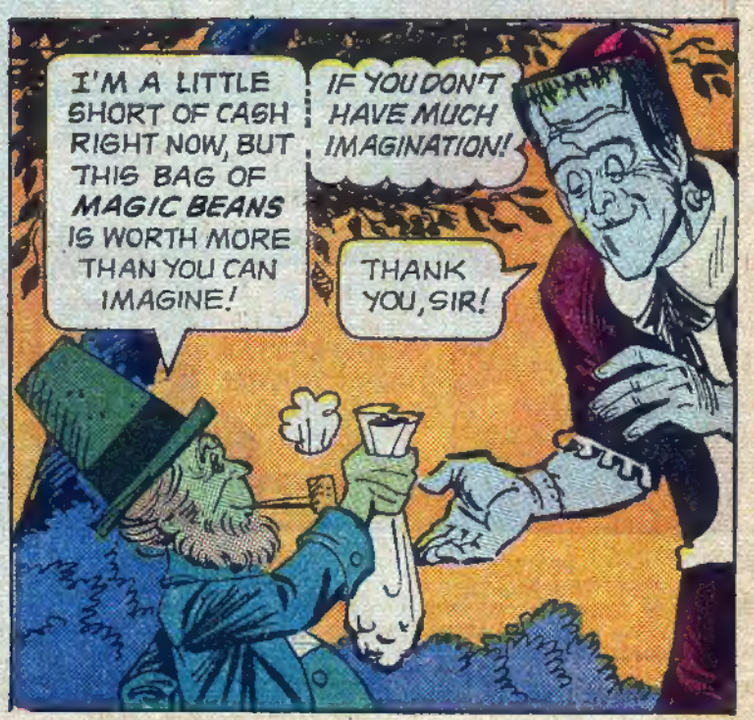
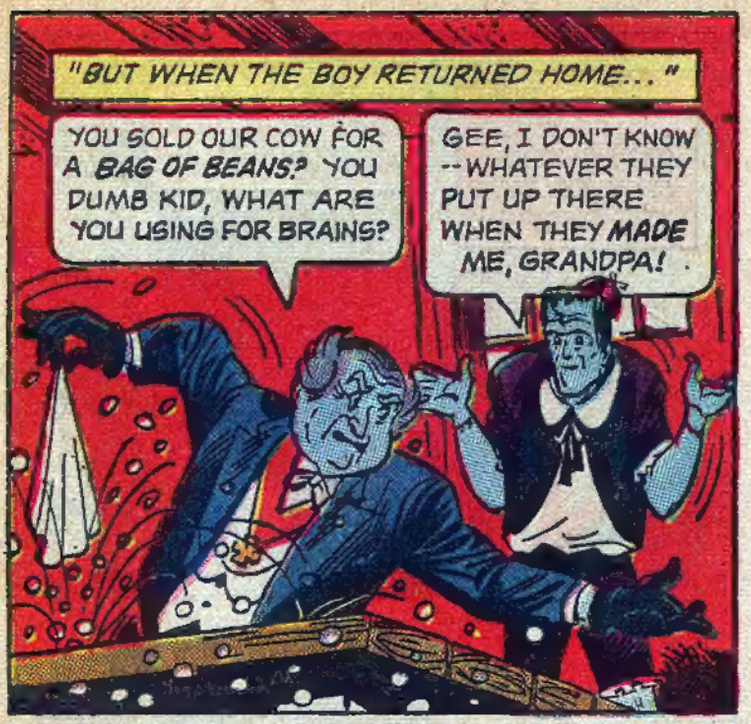

I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO SELL THE COW TO GET MONEY FOR FOOD! PUT ON YOUR HAT, LAD! YOU'RE GOING TO MARKET!


NO, I'M :HUFF: TAKING HER TO TOWN TO SELL HER... :PUFF: TO GET MONEY BECAUSE WE'RE SO POOR WE HAVE NO FOOD IN THE HOUSE!
YES, BUT WHY ARE YOU CARRYING HER?

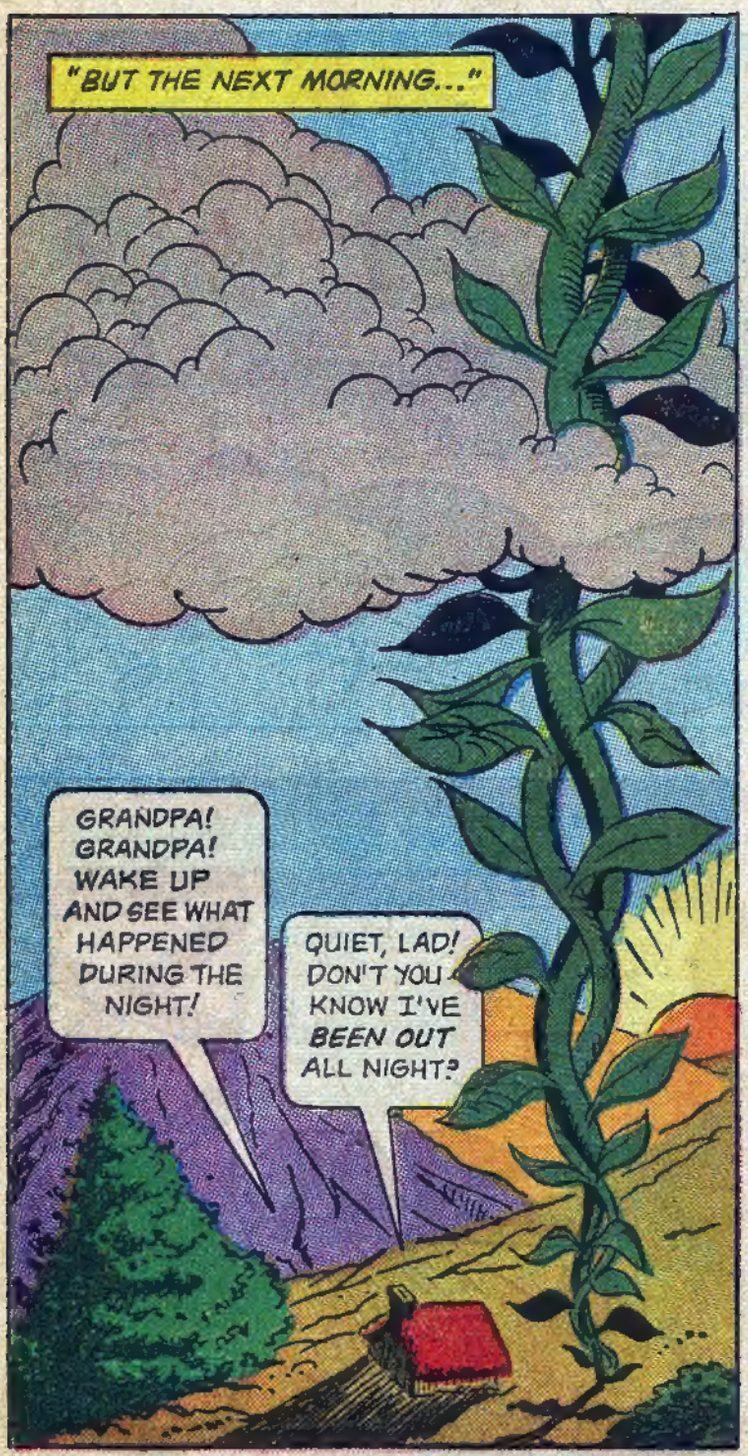
BECAUSE SHE DOESN'T KNOW THE WAY BY HERSELF!
OHH HOO HOOO! IS THIS A BRIGHT KID!
I'LL TAKE THAT COW OFF YOUR HANDS AND SAVE YOU THE TRIP!


"AND SO, THE BOY WAS ON HIS WAY TO TOWN WITH THE COW..."
HUFF PUFF
NO U TURNS
EXCUSE ME, SONNY, BUT WHY ARE YOU CARRYING THAT COW? IS SHE SICK?


I'M A LITTLE SHORT OF CASH RIGHT NOW, BUT THIS BAG OF MAGIC BEANS IS WORTH MORE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE!
IF YOU DON'T HAVE MUCH IMAGINATION!
THANK YOU, SIR!


"BUT WHEN THE BOY RETURNED HOME..."
YOU SOLD OUR COW FOR A BAG OF BEANS? YOU DUMB KID, WHAT ARE YOU USING FOR BRAINS?
GEE, I DON'T KNOW --WHATEVER THEY PUT UP THERE WHEN THEY MADE ME, GRANDPA!

BEANS, PHOOEY! I OUGHT TO SEND YOUR HEAD BACK FOR A REFILL! AND I'D SEND YOU TO BED WITHOUT SUPPER-- ONLY THERE ISN'T ANY SUPPER!
I DON'T HAVE A BED EITHER!

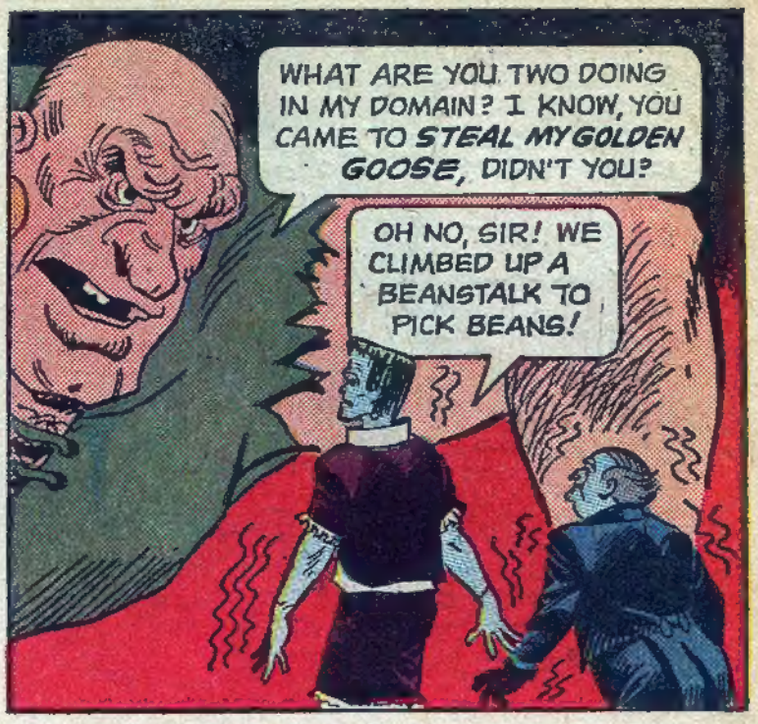

"BUT THE NEXT MORNING..."
GRANDPA! GRANDPA! WAKE UP AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED DURING THE NIGHT!
QUIET, LAD! DON'T YOU KNOW I'VE BEEN OUT ALL NIGHT?

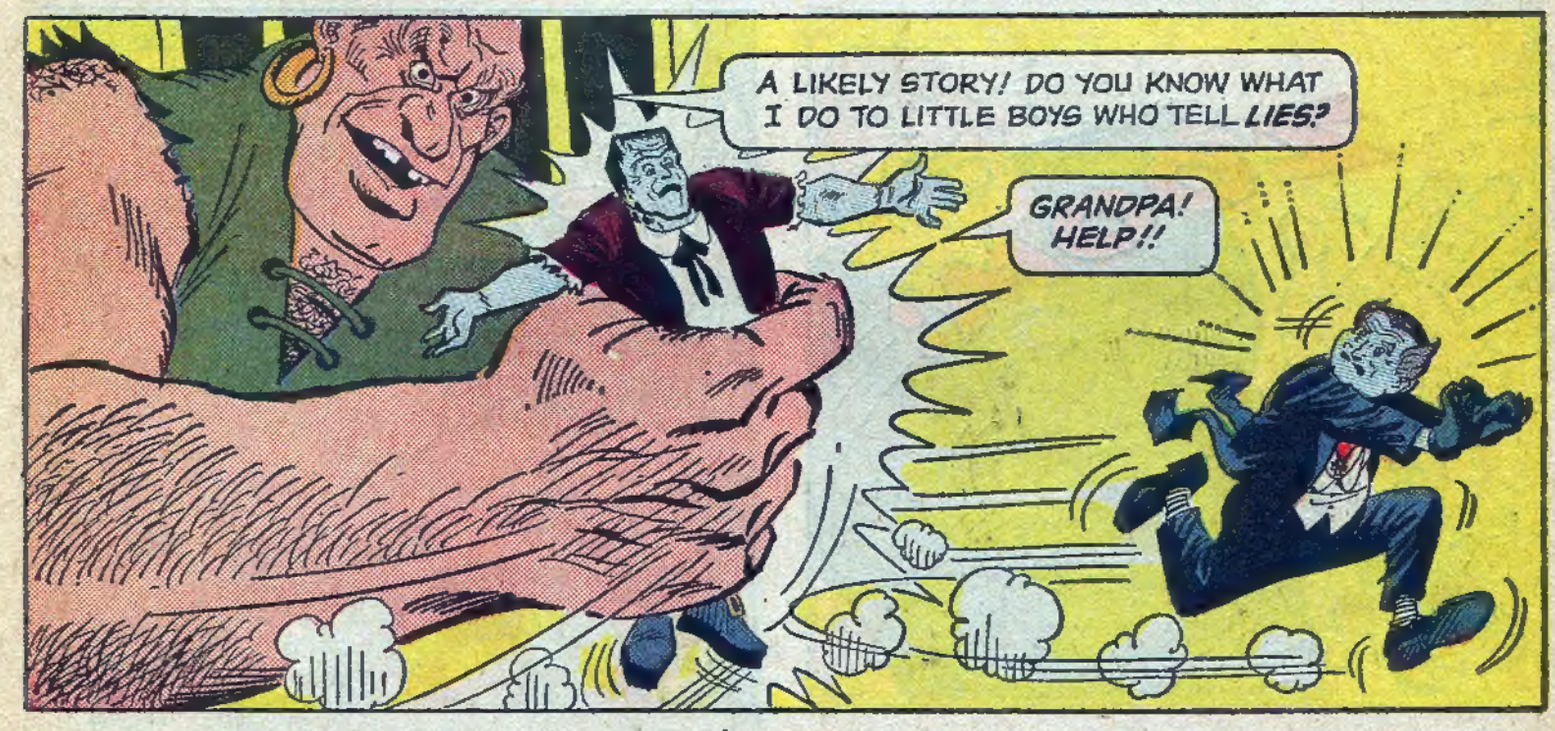
I BET IF WE CLIMBED THAT BEANSTALK, WE'D GO CLEAR TO HEAVEN!
WHAT A REVOLTING THING TO SAY! I'D WASH YOUR MOUTH OUT WITH SOAP, ONLY WE DON'T HAVE ANY SOAP!

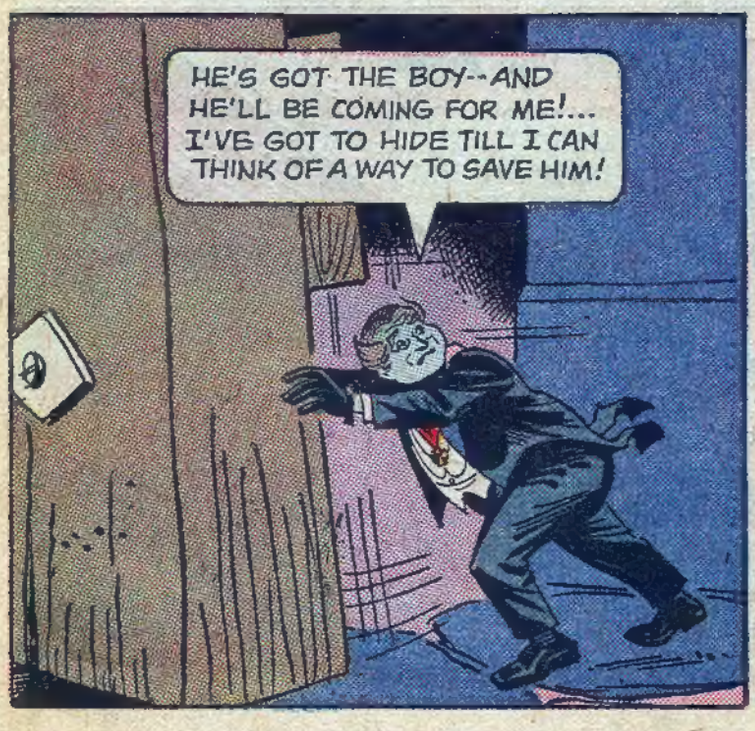
ANYWAY, IT'S NOT DIGNIFIED FOR A MAN MY AGE TO CLIMB BEANSTALKS!
AW, GRANDPA, YOU'RE NOT SO OLD--YOU'RE ONLY 300! BUT IF THAT'S THE WAY YOU FEEL, I'LL CARRY YOU!

POP :YAWN: WHEN IS THE STORY GOING TO GET SCARY?
I'M COMING TO THAT PART, EDDIE! BE PATIENT!
"AND SO THE BOY CARRIED HIS GRANDPA UP THROUGH THE CLOUDS..."
GEE, GRANDPA, YOU SURE ARE A DEAD WEIGHT!
LAD, :SNIFF: THAT'S THE NICEST THING ANYONE EVER SAID TO ME!
"...TO THE TOP OF THE STALK! AND THERE..."
GOLLY, GRANDPA, ISN'T THAT FANTASTIC? WHAT IS IT?
IT MUST BE A MOTEL! NOW I KNOW WHAT THEY MEAN WHEN THEY SAY "THERE'S ALWAYS ROOMS AT THE TOP"!
WHO DO YOU SUPPOSE LIVES HERE?
I DON'T KNOW! BUT IT LOOKS LIKE OUR KIND OF PEOPLE! LET'S GO!
OGRE CASTLE
BEWARE THE EVIL GIANT!
KEEP OUT
NO TRESPASSING VIOLATORS WILL BE EATEN TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW!
"AND SO THEY ENTERED OGRE CASTLE..."
GRANDPA, DO YOU SEE WHAT I SEE?
OF COURSE I SEE WHAT YOU SEE... AND I SMELL THEM, TOO! :WHEW:

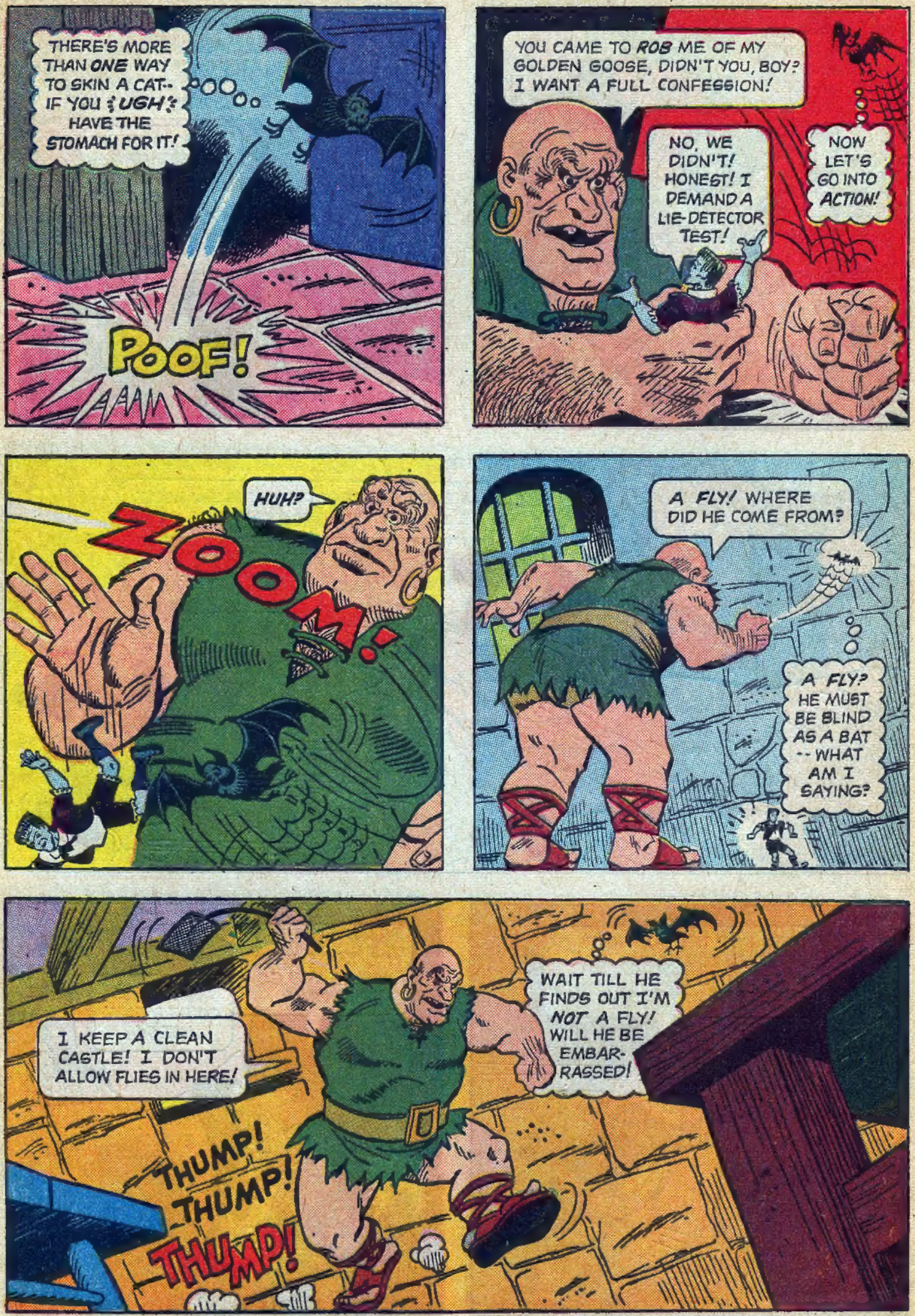
HI FI, LO HUM, I SMELL THE BLOOD OF A TRANSYLVANIAN!
HOW CAN HE SMELL ANYTHING?

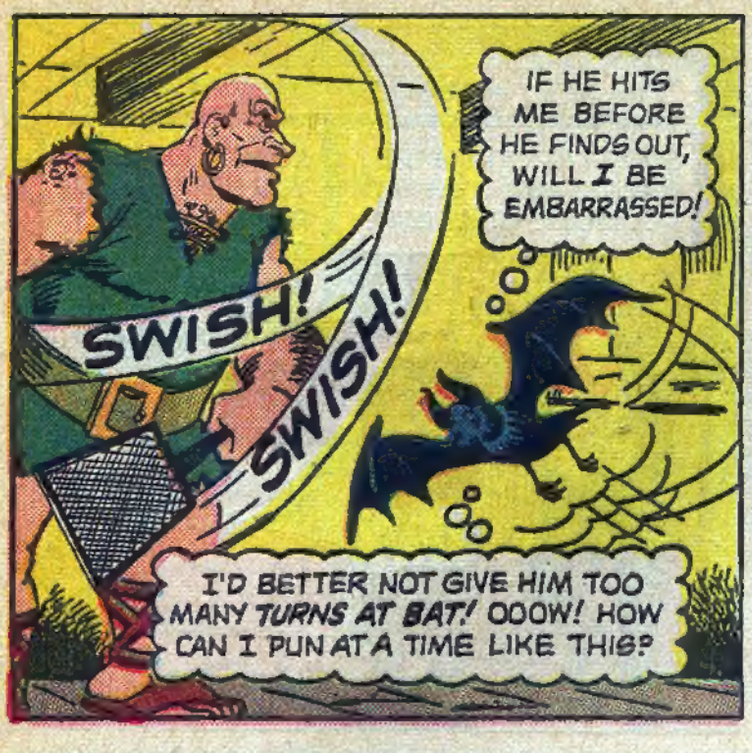

WHAT ARE YOU TWO DOING IN MY DOMAIN? I KNOW, YOU CAME TO STEAL MY GOLDEN GOOSE, DIDN'T YOU?
OH NO, SIR! WE CLIMBED UP A BEANSTALK TO PICK BEANS!

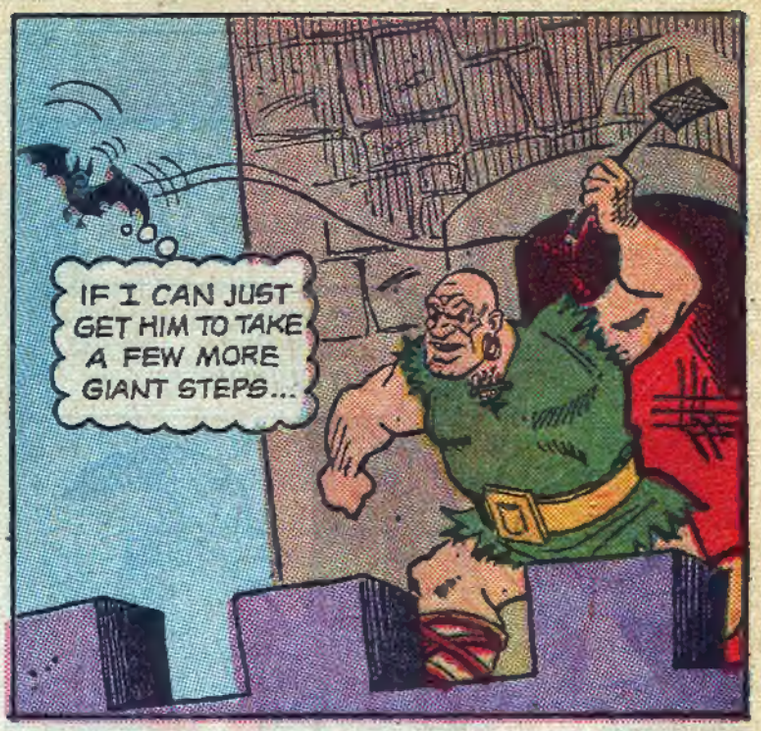

A LIKELY STORY! DO YOU KNOW WHAT I DO TO LITTLE BOYS WHO TELL LIES?
GRANDPA! HELP!!

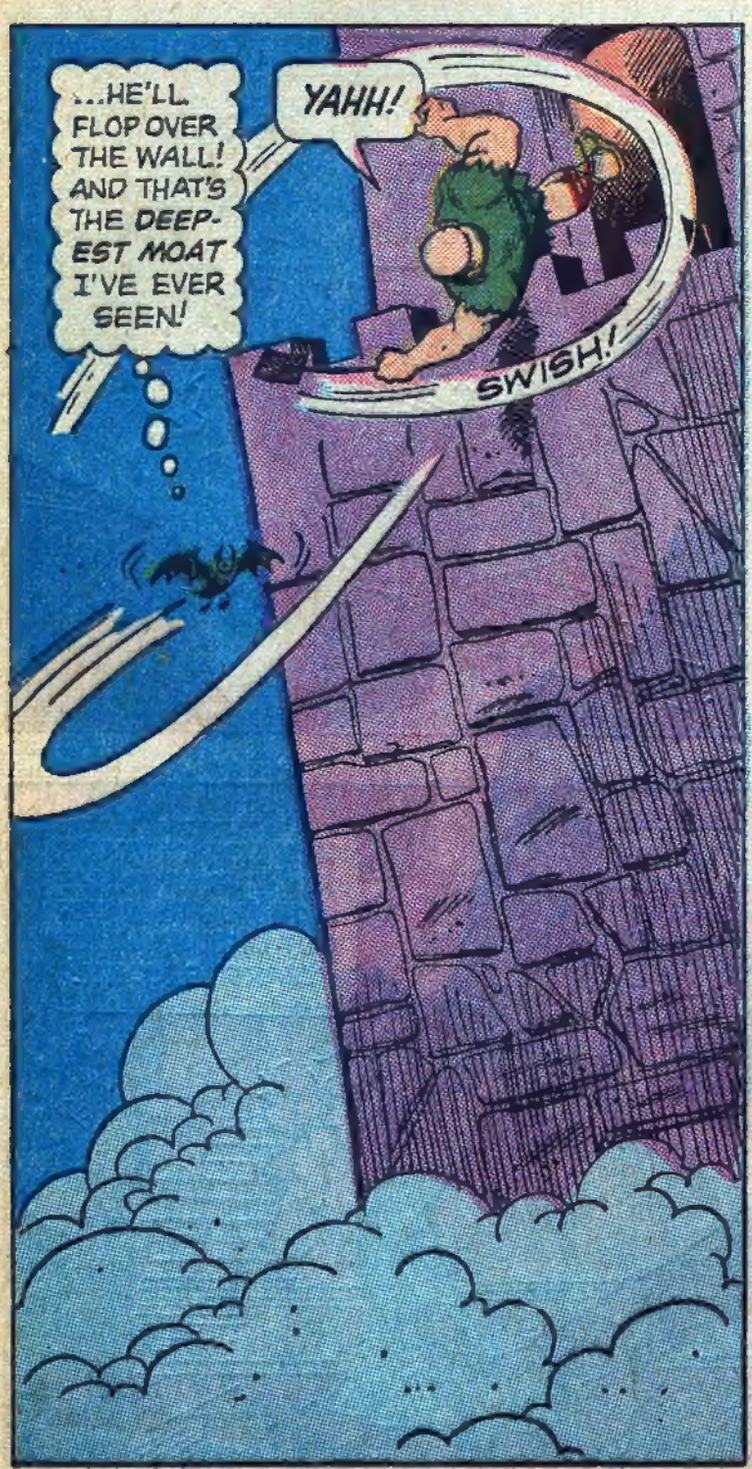

HE'S GOT THE BOY--AND HE'LL BE COMING FOR ME!... I'VE GOT TO HIDE TILL I CAN THINK OF A WAY TO SAVE HIM!

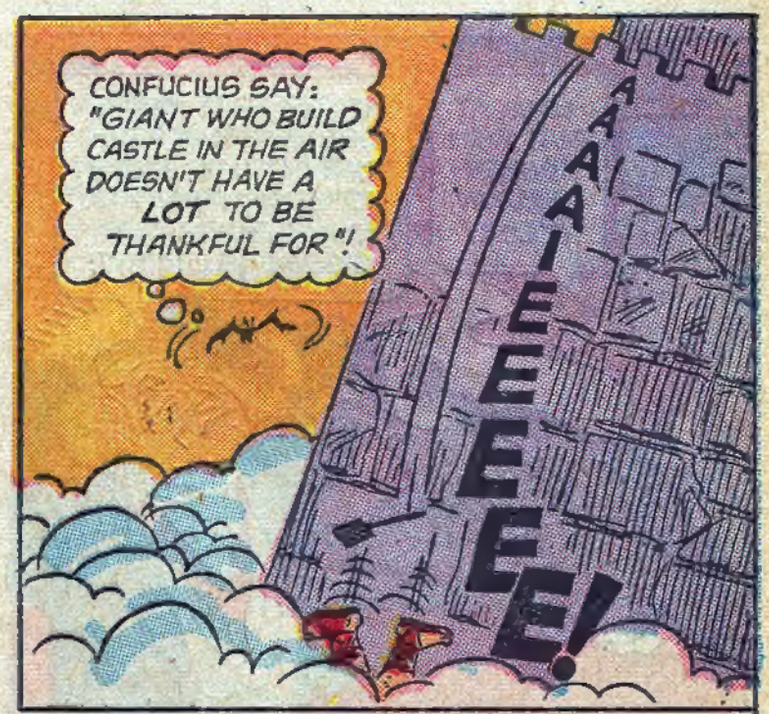
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT? EVERY-WHERE YOU GO-- RELATIVES!
HEY! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!
SNAP!


THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO SKIN A CAT-- IF YOU {UGH} HAVE THE STOMACH FOR IT!
POOF!
AAAA
YOU CAME TO ROB ME OF MY GOLDEN GOOSE, DIDN'T YOU, BOY? I WANT A FULL CONFESSION!
NO, WE DIDN'T! HONEST! I DEMAND A LIE-DETECTOR TEST!
NOW LET'S GO INTO ACTION!
HUH?
ZOOM!
A FLY! WHERE DID HE COME FROM?
A FLY? HE MUST BE BLIND AS A BAT -- WHAT AM I SAYING?
I KEEP A CLEAN CASTLE! I DON'T ALLOW FLIES IN HERE!
WAIT TILL HE FINDS OUT I'M NOT A FLY! WILL HE BE EMBAR-RASSED!
THUMP! THUMP! THUMP!

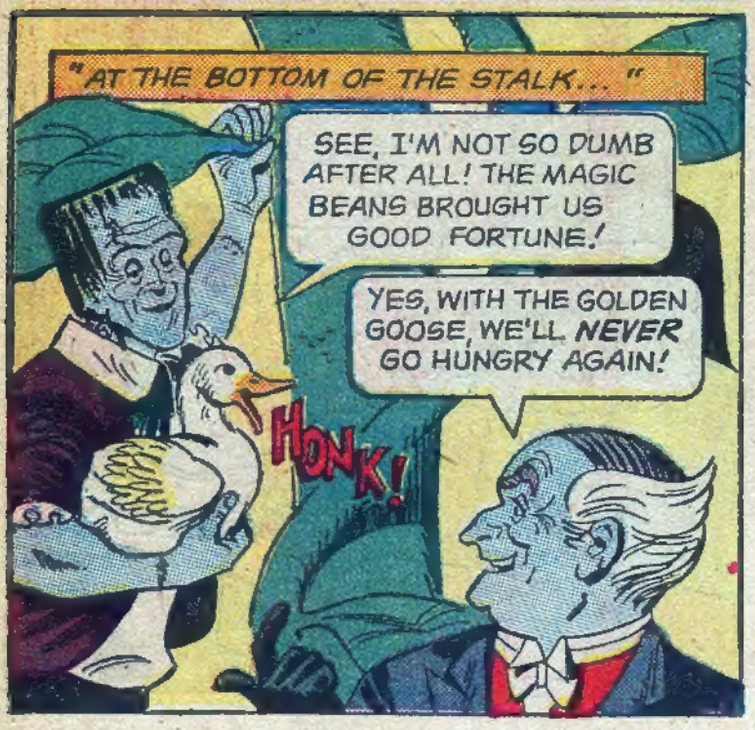

SWISH!
SWISH!
IF HE HITS ME BEFORE HE FINDS OUT, WILL I BE EMBARRASSED!
I'D BETTER NOT GIVE HIM TOO MANY TURNS AT BAT! OOOW! HOW CAN I PUN AT A TIME LIKE THIS?


IF I CAN JUST GET HIM TO TAKE A FEW MORE GIANT STEPS...


...HE'LL FLOP OVER THE WALL! AND THAT'S THE DEEP-EST MOAT I'VE EVER SEEN!
YAHH!
SWISH!


CONFUCIUS SAY: "GIANT WHO BUILD CASTLE IN THE AIR DOESN'T HAVE A LOT TO BE THANKFUL FOR"!
AAAIEEEE!

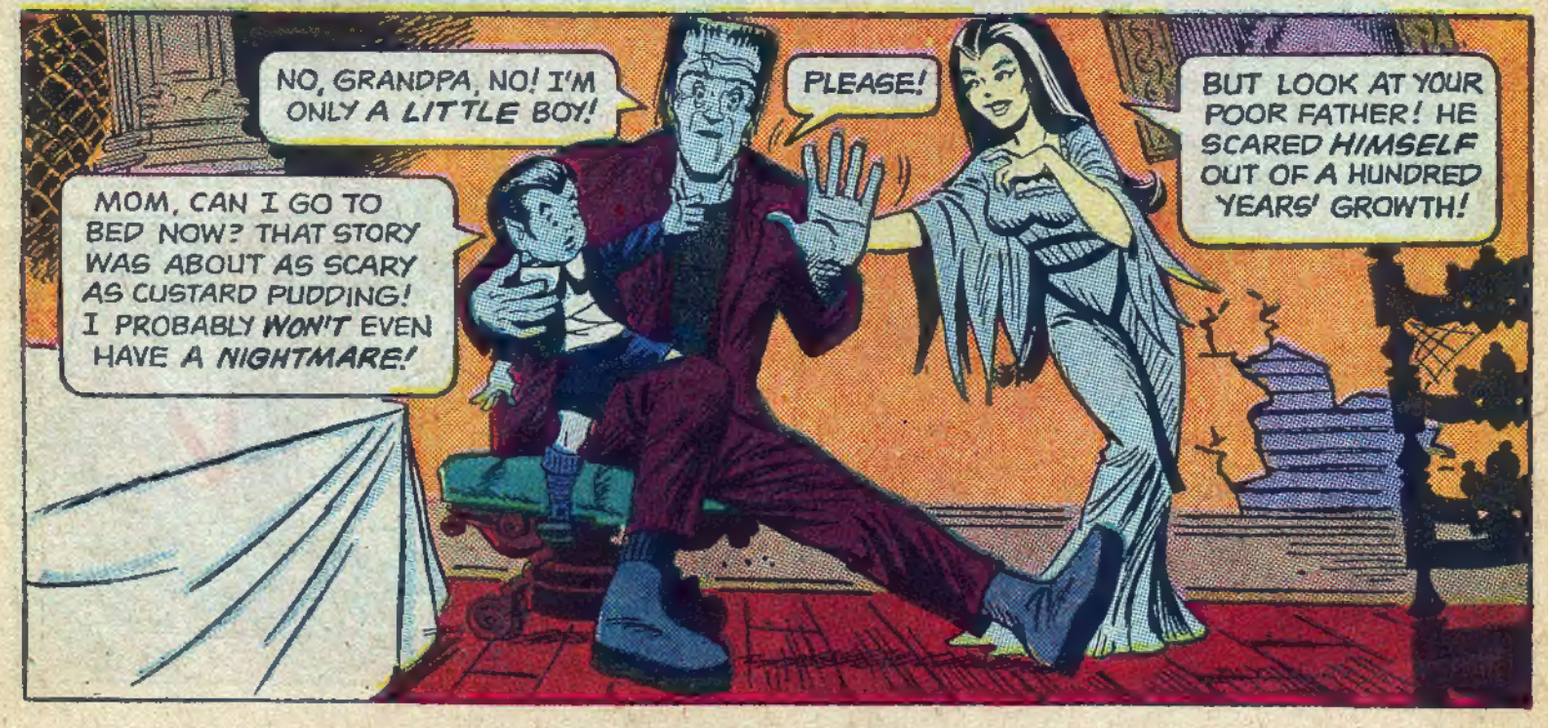
GRANDPA! I THOUGHT THE GIANT WOULD GET YOU! THAT BAT WAS YOU, WASN'T IT?
IT WAS! NOW LET'S GRAB THE GOLDEN GOOSE AND SCRAM DOWN THE BEANSTALK!


"AT THE BOTTOM OF THE STALK..."
SEE, I'M NOT SO DUMB AFTER ALL! THE MAGIC BEANS BROUGHT US GOOD FORTUNE!
YES, WITH THE GOLDEN GOOSE, WE'LL NEVER GO HUNGRY AGAIN!
HONK!

"THE NEXT MORNING AS GRANDPA AWOKE..."
GOOD LAD, YOU MADE BREAKFAST! IT SMELLS DELICIOUS! WHAT IS IT?
ROAST GOOSE! AS YOU SAID, GRANDPA, WE NEEDN'T GO HUNGRY ANY MORE!

LOOK AT THAT RICH GOLDEN-BROWN COLOR!
WHAT? THAT BIRD WAS WORTH A FORTUNE! IT LAID GOLDEN EGGS! YOU DUMB KID! YOU COOKED OUR GOOSE ALL RIGHT!

WELL, THIS HURTS ME MORE THAN IT HURTS YOU, BUT I'LL JUST HAVE TO DRUM SOME SENSE INTO YOU!
PLEASE, GRANDPA, DON'T SPANK ME! YOU'LL ONLY BREAK THE MACE AGAIN!


NO, GRANDPA, NO! I'M ONLY A LITTLE BOY!
PLEASE!
BUT LOOK AT YOUR POOR FATHER! HE SCARED HIMSELF OUT OF A HUNDRED YEARS' GROWTH!
MOM, CAN I GO TO BED NOW? THAT STORY WAS ABOUT AS SCARY AS CUSTARD PUDDING! I PROBABLY WON'T EVEN HAVE A NIGHTMARE!

LIDDLE WOLFGANG
A-HAUNTING WE WILL GO
DOT LIDDLE WOLF-GANG! HE ISS DRIVING ME CRAZY MITT DER MONSTERS!
I HAF AN IDEA DOT VILL SCARE HIM OUT OF IT!
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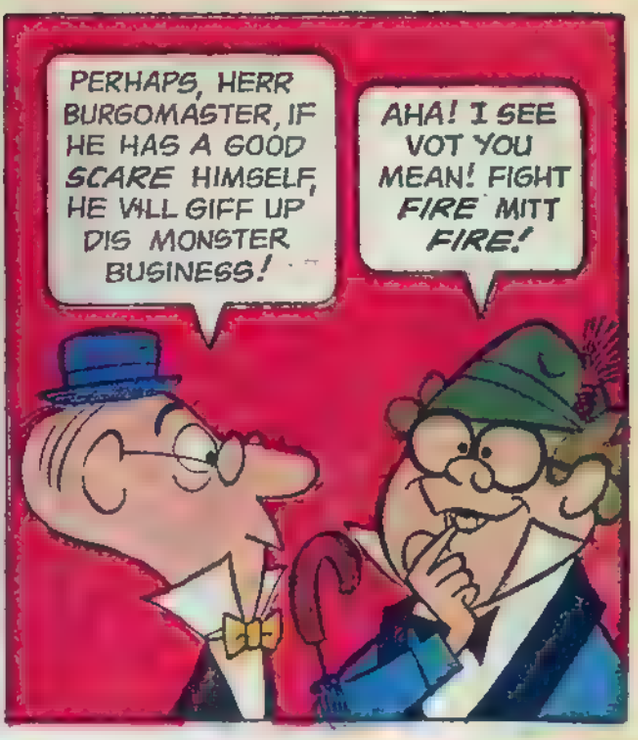
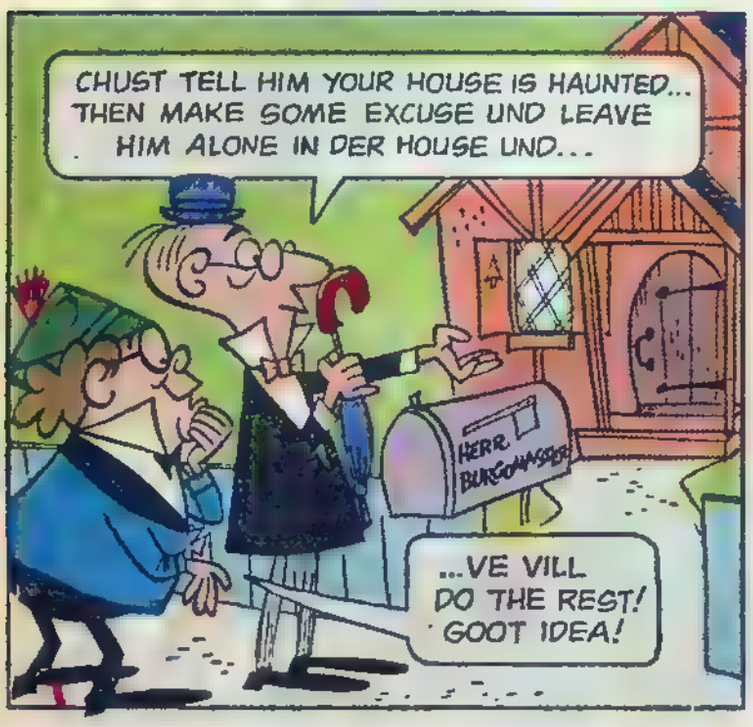

PERHAPS, HERR BURGOMASTER, IF HE HAS A GOOD SCARE HIMSELF, HE VILL GIFF UP DIS MONSTER BUSINESS!
AHA! I SEE VOT YOU MEAN! FIGHT FIRE MITT FIRE!


CHUST TELL HIM YOUR HOUSE IS HAUNTED... THEN MAKE SOME EXCUSE UND LEAVE HIM ALONE IN DER HOUSE UND...
HERR BURGOMASTER
...VE VILL DO THE REST! GOOT IDEA!

SO YOU SEE, LIDDLE ONE... I HAFF DIS SPECIAL MEETING TO ATTEND TONIGHT! SO YOU VILL HAFF TO STAY ALONE TO-NIGHT IN DIS BIG HAUNTED HOUSE!
HAUNTED HOUSE!

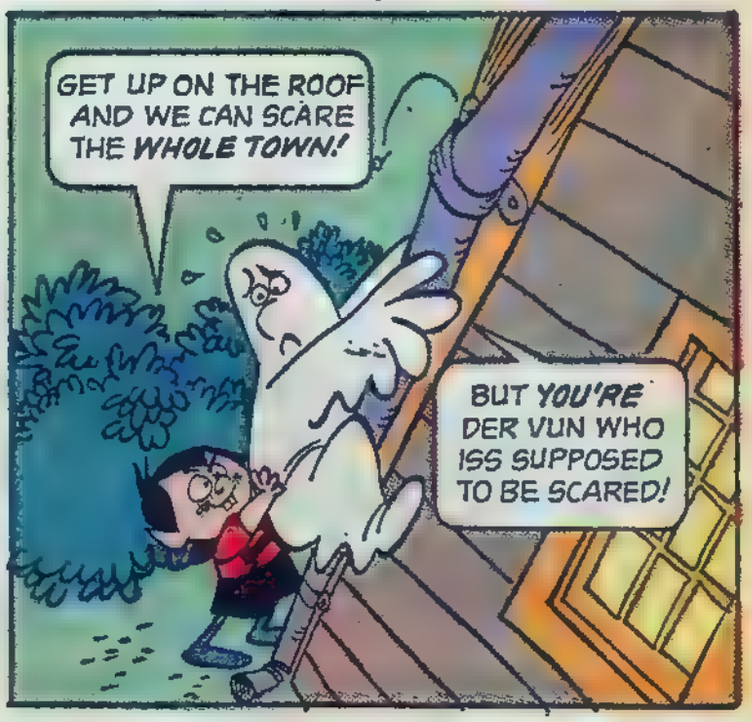
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT AFRAID OF GHOSTS, MY LITTLE ONE!
GO-GOLLY, GHOSTS IN OUR HOME!

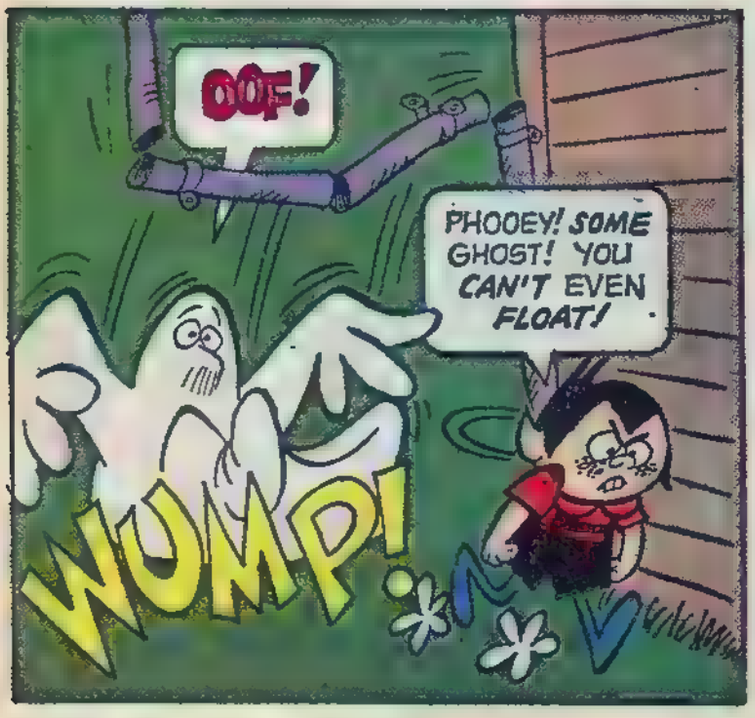
PUT DIS ON UND VE VILL GIFF HIM A DOSE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE!
NOW HE VILL SEE VOT IT'S LIKE TO BE AFRAID!

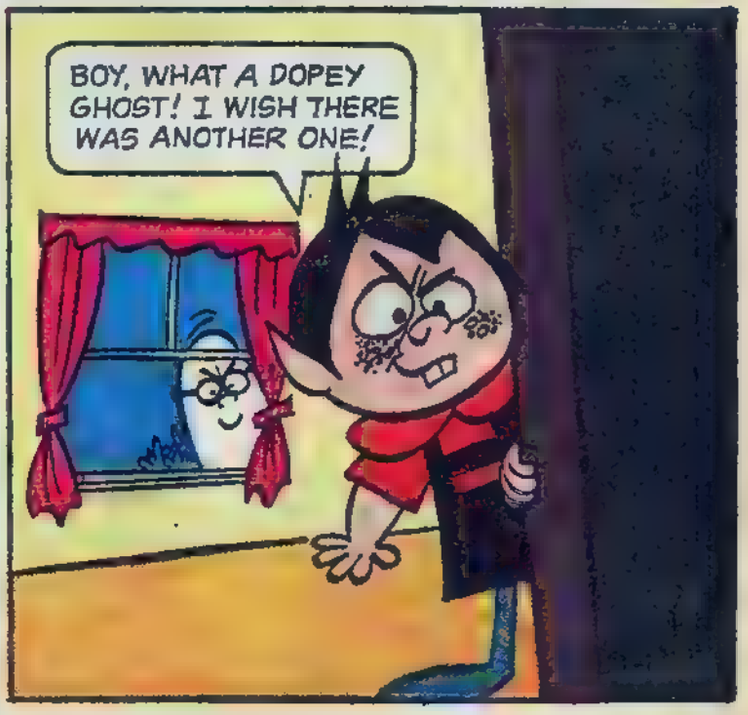
PAPA SAID THIS HOUSE WAS HAUNTED! IF THERE ARE GHOSTS HERE, I WANT TO FIND THEM!

WHOOOOO!
HOORAY! A REAL GHOST! PAPA WAS RIGHT!

HEY, THIS IS NEAT! COME ON, LET'S GO SCARE PEOPLE!
BU-BUT--


GET UP ON THE ROOF AND WE CAN SCARE THE WHOLE TOWN!
BUT YOU'RE DER VUN WHO ISS SUPPOSED TO BE SCARED!

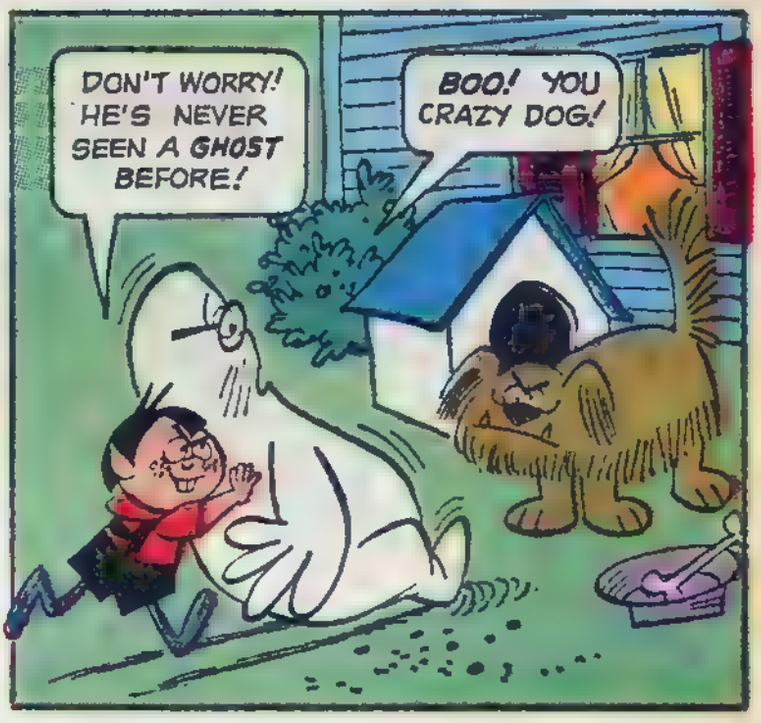

OOF!
PHOOEY! SOME GHOST! YOU CAN'T EVEN FLOAT!
WUMP!


BOY, WHAT A DOPEY GHOST! I WISH THERE WAS ANOTHER ONE!

WHOOPEE!! MAYBE THIS GHOST IS BETTER!

COME ON! I'VE GOT A GREAT IDEA!
B-BOO!

IF YOU CAN SCARE MRS. BADEN-BADEN'S DOG, YOU CAN SCARE ANYBODY!


DON'T WORRY! HE'S NEVER SEEN A GHOST BEFORE!
BOO! YOU CRAZY DOG!

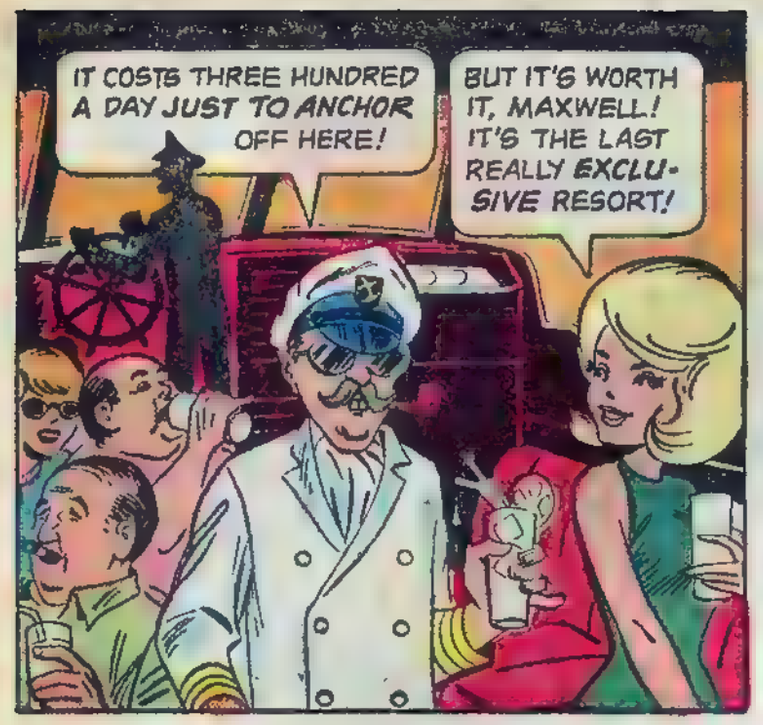
HEY! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO SCARE HIM!
YEOW!
RIP!
GROWR!

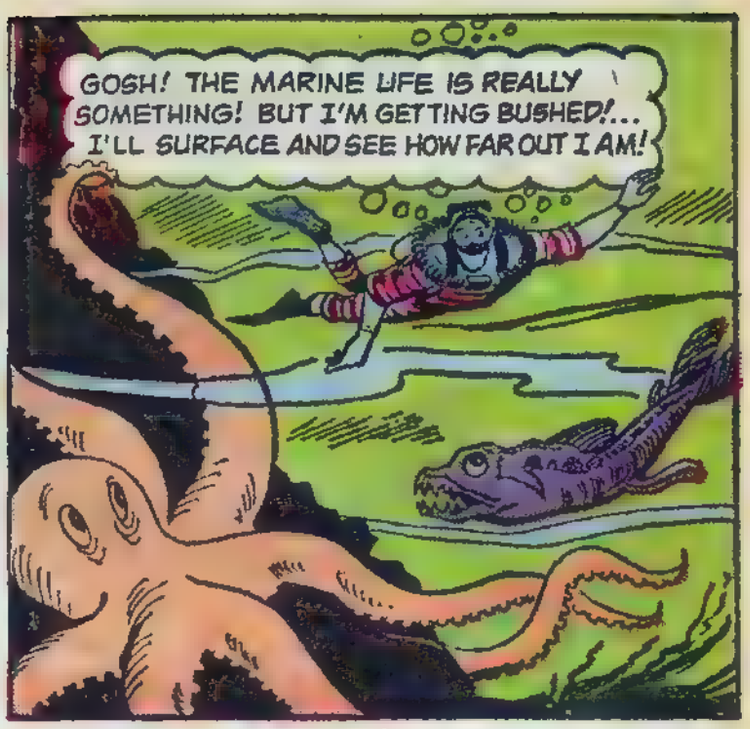
PHOOEY! SUCH DUMB GHOSTS! JUST MY LUCK!

ACH! BEING A GHOST IS A HARD LIFE!
I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M GOING TO EXPLAIN DIS SHEET TO DER LAUNDRY!
YII! ACH! A REAL GHOST!
YEOW!
PAPA! IT WAS YOU ALL THE TIME!
PAPA! I DIDN'T KNOW YOU LIKED TO PLAY GHOSTS! NOW WE CAN PLAY GHOSTS TOGETHER!
PAPA, I CAN TEACH YOU TO BE AN EVEN BETTER GHOST!
ACH! DO ME A FAVOR! PLAY LIKE A GHOST UND CHUST DISAPPEAR!

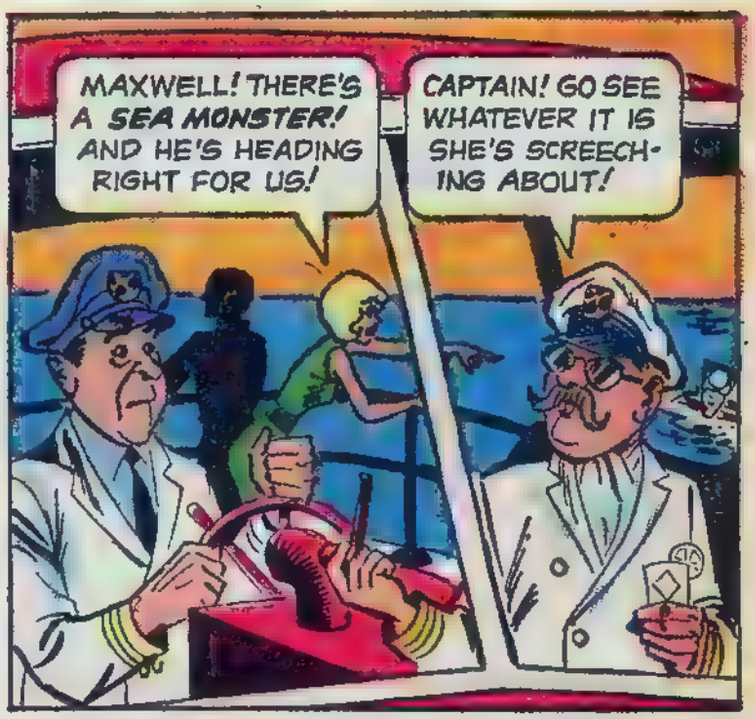
The MUNSTERS
THE LOCH NESS MUNSTER
LOVELY! IT LOOKS JUST LIKE COUNT DRACULA'S SUMMER PLACE ON THE DEAD SEA!
I GOT IT FOR A DIRGE!
LILY CAN'T RESIST A BARGAIN!
UGH! LOOK AT THAT DREADFUL RESORT RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO US!
WE'RE LUCKY THERE'S A HIGH FENCE AROUND IT! WE WOULDN'T WANT PEOPLE FROM THAT AWFUL PLACE SPOILING OUR PRIVACY!
THE RABBLE IS EVERYWHERE TODAY! BUT LET'S GET TO THE BEACH!
GEE! I'M JUST LIVING TO TRY OUT MY SCUBA-DIVING OUTFIT!
HERMAN, YOU'RE A BORN ATHLETE!
A VIEW OF THE SEA? YOU'VE GIVEN ME A VIEW OF A VERMINOUS, HIDEOUS SHACK!
MY DEAR MRS. NESTLERODE! WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO HAVE IT CONDEMNED! WE'RE HELPLESS!
I CAN'T STAND THE SIGHT OF THAT SHACK! I DEMAND A ROOM ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HOTEL IMMEDIATELY!
BUT, DEAR LADY! ALL THE ROOMS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HOTEL ARE TAKEN!

CANCEL MY RESERVATIONS! I'D RATHER SPEND THE WINTER WITH THE RIFF-RAFF ON THE RIVIERA THAN PUT UP WITH THIS!
MRS. NESTLERODE! THE VERY FIRST VACANCY... I PROMISE...
GONE! AND EVERY ROOM IN THIS WING EMPTY! ALL BECAUSE OF THAT RAUNCHY SHACK NEXT DOOR!
YOU GOT A PROBLEM ALL RIGHT!... BUT WHY DON'T YOU COME UP WITH SOME KIND OF A GIMMICK?
10--9--8--7--6--
PLEASE BE CAREFUL, HERMAN DEAR!
I DO HOPE DEAR HERMAN DOESN'T GO TOO FAR OUT! HE'S NEVER GONE SCUBA-DIVING BEFORE!
FORGET HERMAN! RUB THAT SUNTAN OIL IN! SUNSHINE DRIES UP MY SKIN MOULD!
NOT MUCH MARINE LIFE AROUND HERE! I'D BETTER GO FURTHER OUT!


IT COSTS THREE HUNDRED A DAY JUST TO ANCHOR OFF HERE!
BUT IT'S WORTH IT, MAXWELL! IT'S THE LAST REALLY EXCLUSIVE RESORT!


GOSH! THE MARINE LIFE IS REALLY SOMETHING! BUT I'M GETTING BUSHED!... I'LL SURFACE AND SEE HOW FAR OUT I AM!

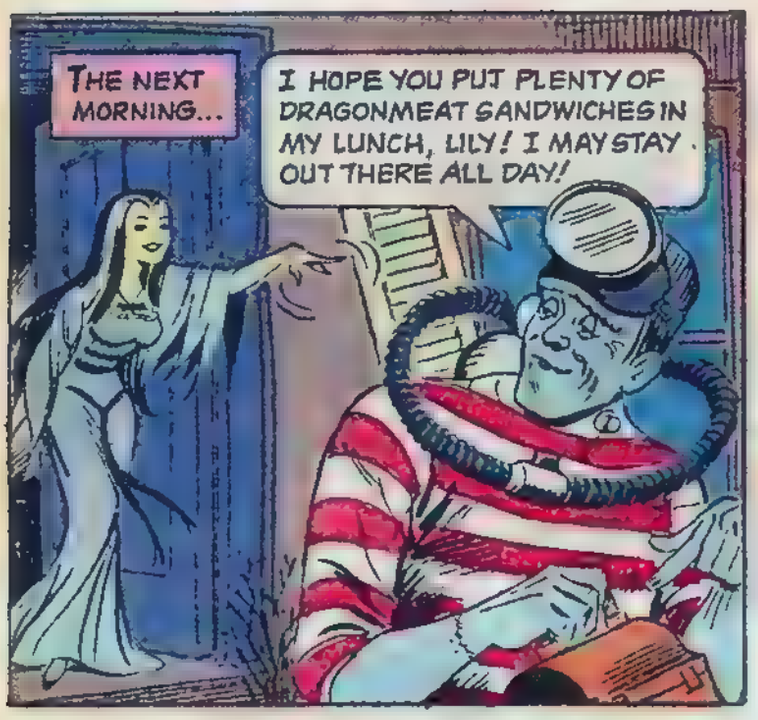
GOSH! I'M MILES OUT! BUT MAYBE THE PEOPLE ON THAT BOAT WILL LET ME COME ABOARD AND REST A MOMENT!

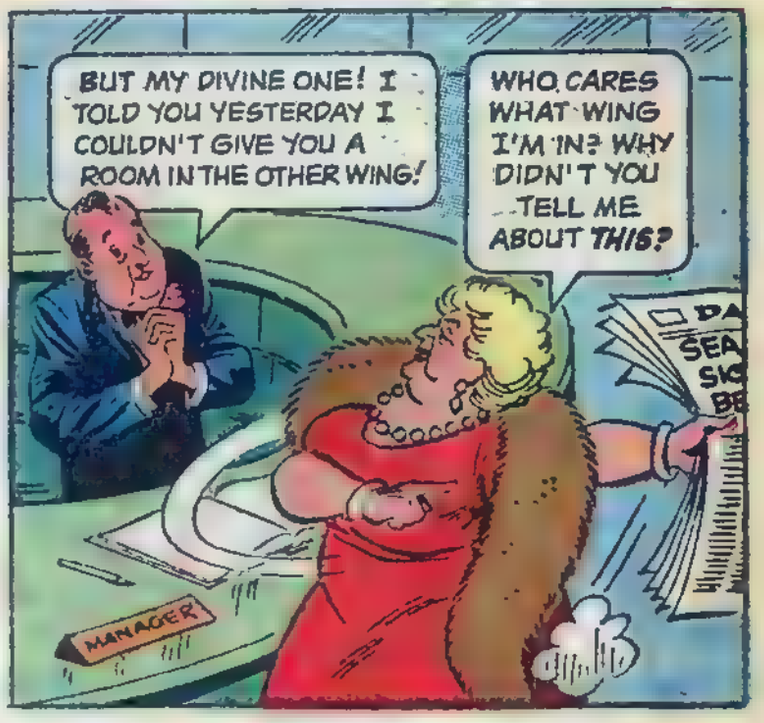

MAXWELL! THERE'S A SEA MONSTER! AND HE'S HEADING RIGHT FOR US!
CAPTAIN! GO SEE WHATEVER IT IS SHE'S SCREECHING ABOUT!

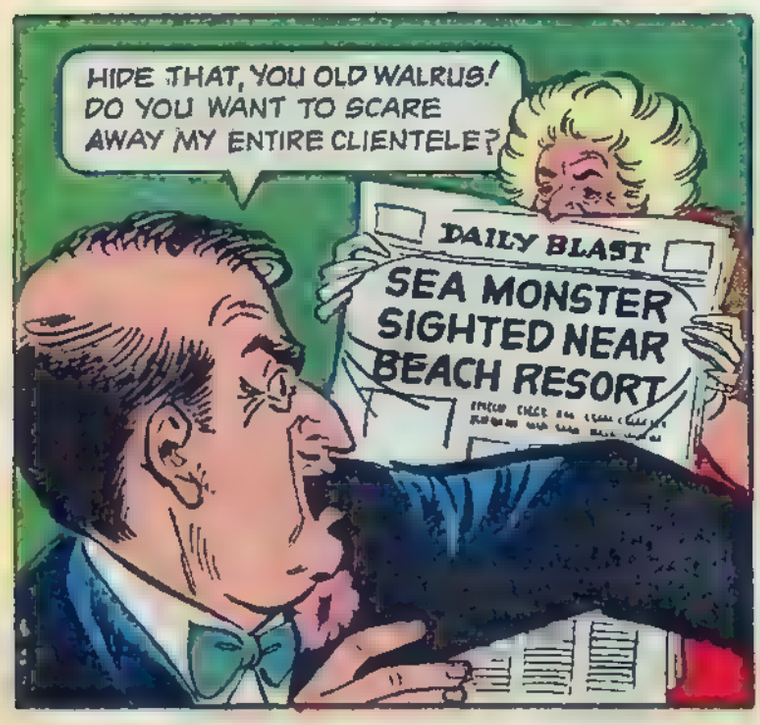
IT IS A SEA MONSTER! FULL SPEED AHEAD!

I'LL RUN HER SMACK UP ON THE BEACH! ANY PORT IN A STORM!
R-R-ROAR!
ZOOM!
WELL! THAT WASN'T A NICE THING TO DO -- RUNNING AWAY FROM ME JUST AS I WAS GETTING CLOSE!
SEA MONSTER! SEA MONSTER!
WHAT A DAY! NOW I'M INVADED BY A BOATLOAD OF LUNATICS!
I SAW IT! A SEA MONS--
SHUT UP! MY HOTEL'S HALF EMPTY NOW! DO YOU WANT TO SCARE THE REST OF MY GUESTS AWAY?
A FEW MINUTES LATER...
ALL RIGHT! ALL RIGHT! I'LL PROVE TO YOU THERE'S NO SEA MONSTER OUT THERE! I'LL CALL THE COAST GUARD TO INVESTIGATE!
SEE? THE COAST GUARD SAYS SEA MONSTERS DON'T EXIST! AND THEY'RE NOT GOING TO WASTE THE TAXPAYERS' MONEY JUST BECAUSE YOU DRANK TOO MUCH!

WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY OF ADVENTURE! NOW THAT I'VE GOT THE HANG OF SCUBA-DIVING, I CAN HARDLY WAIT FOR TOMORROW!
MY POOR, TIRED EXPLORER! MY VILLAIN!


THE NEXT MORNING...
I HOPE YOU PUT PLENTY OF DRAGONMEAT SANDWICHES IN MY LUNCH, LILY! I MAY STAY OUT THERE ALL DAY!


BUT MY DIVINE ONE! I TOLD YOU YESTERDAY I COULDN'T GIVE YOU A ROOM IN THE OTHER WING!
WHO CARES WHAT WING I'M IN? WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THIS?
MANAGER


HIDE THAT, YOU OLD WALRUS! DO YOU WANT TO SCARE AWAY MY ENTIRE CLIENTELE?
DAILY BLAST
SEA MONSTER SIGHTED NEAR BEACH RESORT

BUT THIS IS THE REASON I'M BACK! IMAGINE! A REAL, LIVE SEA MONSTER, JUST LIKE THE ONE AT LOCH NESS! IT'S SO UTTERLY EXCITING!

MEANWHILE, AT SEA...
THE BIGGEST SWORDFISH I'VE EVER SEEN, MATES! TWO DEGREES TO STA' BUD!
TWO DEGREES SHE IS, CAP'N AHAB!
GOT 'IM! AND HE'S A REGULAR MONSTER!
IT IS A MONSTER! CUT AWAY! CUT AWAY FAST OR WE'RE ALL DEAD MEN!
BLUB!
The ISABELLE III
DRATTED PRACTICAL JOKERS! LUCKY I BROUGHT AN EXTRA OXYGEN TANK!
MERGENTHALER, I DON'T WANT ANY MORE NUTTY REPORTS ABOUT SEA MONSTERS!
BUT, SIR! THIS ONE'S FROM AN OLD FISHING BOAT CAPTAIN, NOT A BUNCH OF GOOFY PLAYBOYS ON A YACHT!
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NO! NO! I'M SORRY, GOVERNOR, BUT WE'RE BOOKED SOLID FOR THE SEASON!
HOW ABOUT US? MY COUSIN KNOWS LYNDA BIRD JOHNSON!
HARVEY! TELL HIM ABOUT THE TIME YOU DANCED WITH MARGARET TRUMAN!
BLAH
SEA MONSTER OFF POSH BEACH HOTEL
NEWS
SEA MONSTER INVADES POSH
ECHH
SEA MONSTER HAUNTS RESORT
STAY ALERT, MEN! REMEMBER OUR ORDERS! FIND AND DESTROY ONE SEA MONSTER!
CAPTAIN, SIR! I'VE GOT AN IDEA! MAYBE WE CAN TAKE THE MONSTER ALIVE!
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SHORTLY AFTER...
THAR SHE-- I MEAN IT BLOWS! AND IT IS A SEA MONSTER!
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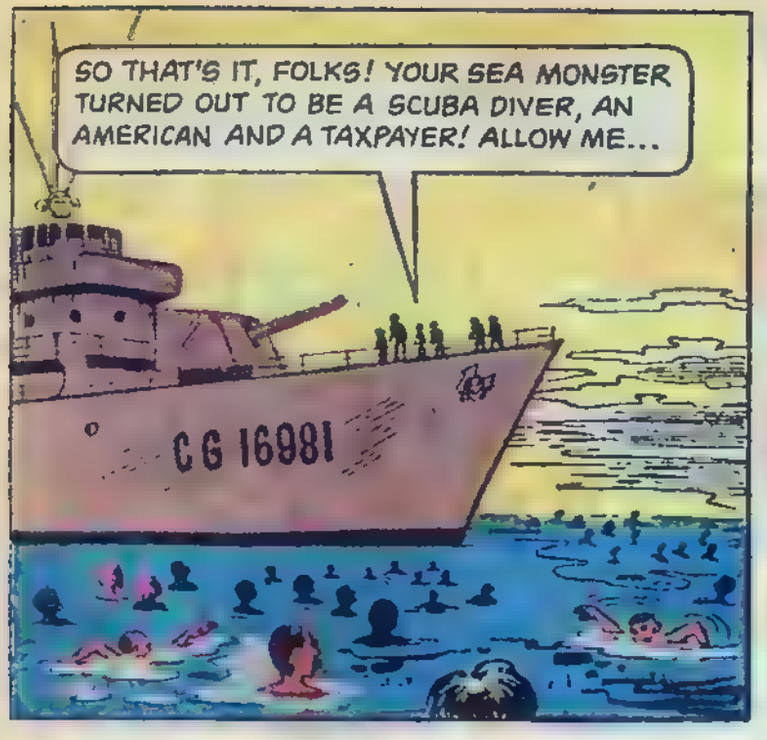
LET OUT THE WINDLASS! LOWER THE NET! HOIST THE CAPSTAN! SHIVER ME TIMBERS!
WE GOT IT, CAPTAIN! WE GOT IT!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF MY LUNCH!
SO THAT'S OUR SEA MONSTER! MERGENTHALER, I'LL HAVE YOUR STRIPES!


SO THAT'S IT, FOLKS! YOUR SEA MONSTER TURNED OUT TO BE A SCUBA DIVER, AN AMERICAN AND A TAXPAYER! ALLOW ME...
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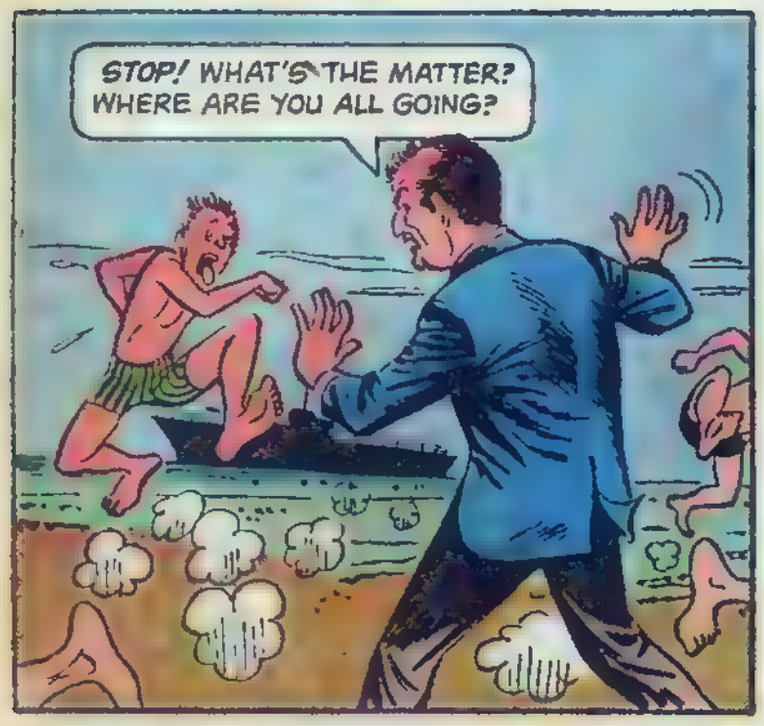
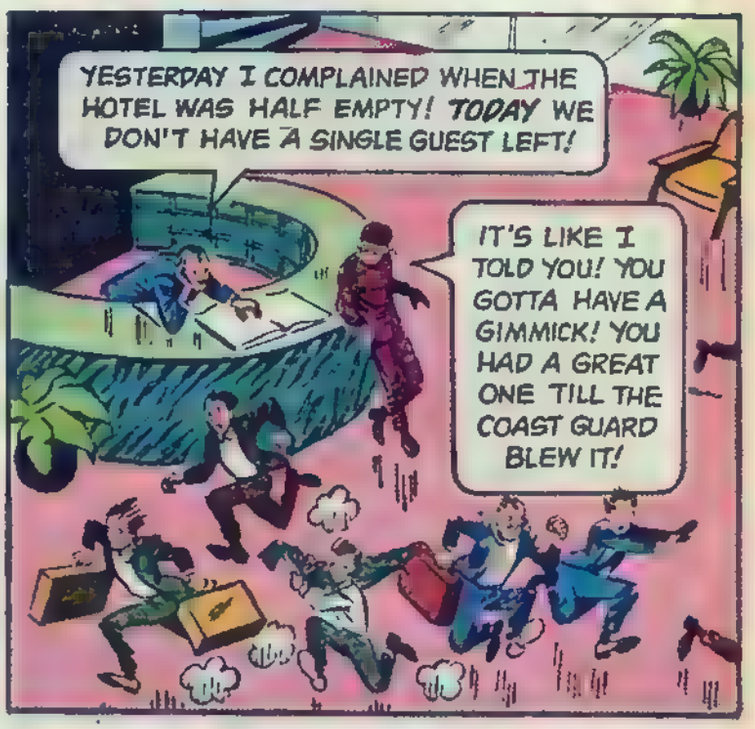
...TO PRESENT MR. HERMAN MUNSTER!
EEK!
HELP!


STOP! WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHERE ARE YOU ALL GOING?


YESTERDAY I COMPLAINED WHEN THE HOTEL WAS HALF EMPTY! TODAY WE DON'T HAVE A SINGLE GUEST LEFT!
IT'S LIKE I TOLD YOU! YOU GOTTA HAVE A GIMMICK! YOU HAD A GREAT ONE TILL THE COAST GUARD BLEW IT!

THREE HUNDRED A WEEK FOR THE REST OF THE SEASON! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SCUBA-DIVE OFF THE BEACH! I WON'T LET A BOAT COME WITHIN A MILE OF YOU!
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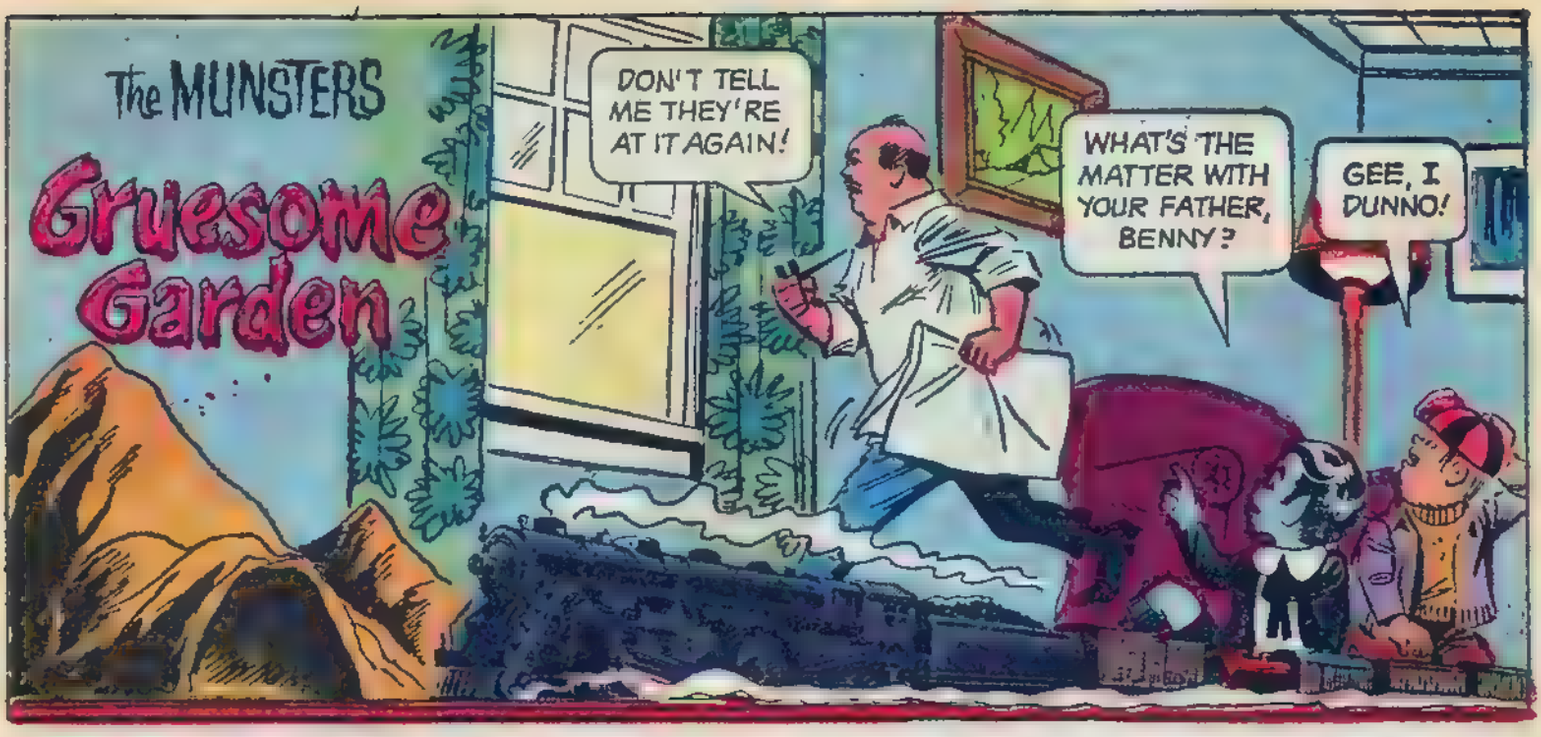
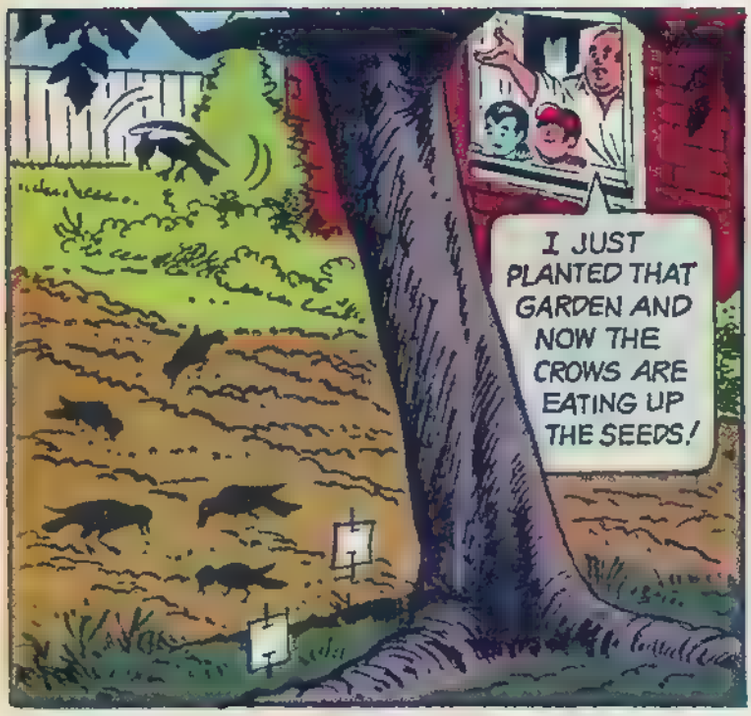
HERMAN, YOU'RE NOT ONLY HANDSOME, BUT UNDER THE SURFACE YOU'VE GOT WHAT IT TAKES!


The MUNSTERS
Gruesome Garden
DON'T TELL ME THEY'RE AT IT AGAIN!
WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOUR FATHER, BENNY?
GEE, I DUNNO!


I JUST PLANTED THAT GARDEN AND NOW THE CROWS ARE EATING UP THE SEEDS!

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COME ON, FATHER, I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING!

AH, WHAT A LOVELY DAY TO TEND MY WEED GARDEN! YAWN! HO-HUM!

AWK
THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED, FATHER! A REAL SCARECROW!

The MUNSTERS
THAR SHE BLOWS
... AND ON OUR VACATION LAST SUMMER, WE GOT CAUGHT IN A HURRICANE! EVER SEEN A HURRICANE, EDDIE?
WELL, NOT EXACTLY...
BOY, IT WAS EXCITING! TREES UPROOTED! TWENTY FOOT WAVES!
THAT DOESN'T SOUND LIKE MUCH!
ARE YOU KIDDING? HOUSES WERE BLOWN DOWN! FURNITURE WAS FLYING THROUGH THE AIR!
THAT DOESN'T THRILL ME! THAT'S NOTHING!
THAT WAS TAME! COME ON, I'LL SHOW YOU THE REAL THING! FATHER HAS A COLD!
A COLD? WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH IT?
NOW THIS IS A HURRICANE!
OHHHOOO

A Bat-time Story

A chilling story from the collection of Count Bloodcurdle

THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER

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It was a shadowy, foreboding night and the hunter quickened his pace as he stepped through the mysterious Black Forest. Ahead of him, Shaw, his ferocious white terrier, led the way. The fog rolled in from the dank swamp below. The hunter wanted nothing more than to be within the safety of his own cottage.

He had yet to pass the dread castle of Baron von Stroock, who was feared by all the villagers. It was said that the Baron prowled the forest in the foggy night and set upon any man or animal who passed too close to his castle walls. For many there were who had gone that way, never to be seen again. It was said that the sinister baron took many forms. Eyewitnesses claimed to have seen him through the mists, and what they saw defied description.

As he approached the forbidding walls of the castle, barely visible in the gloom, the hunter stopped. Something was wandering in the night. Shaw felt it too and gave a low growl. Then the hunter saw it and froze in his tracks. The hunter feared neither man nor beast, but he was a a superstitious man and the very thought of supernatural creatures filled him with dread. What he saw in the fog was like nothing he had ever seen before. Surely it could not be human. Nor did it resemble any animal he knew.

The dog was equally fearless, but not in the least superstitious. With a wild bark, he took off after the apparition. The hunter called after him but Shaw was too full of the thrill of the chase to come back. Much against his wishes the hunter followed, for he was loyal to his dog. As he pursued the barking in the mists ahead he feared that he and Shaw were about to become victims of the dread forest and its evil baron.

Suddenly the woods were alive with the sounds of a struggle. Dog and creature were locked in mortal combat. The hunter ran, cursing the brambles that tore at his skin and clothing. When he reached Shaw the dog was still snarling, but the creature had disappeared in the mists.

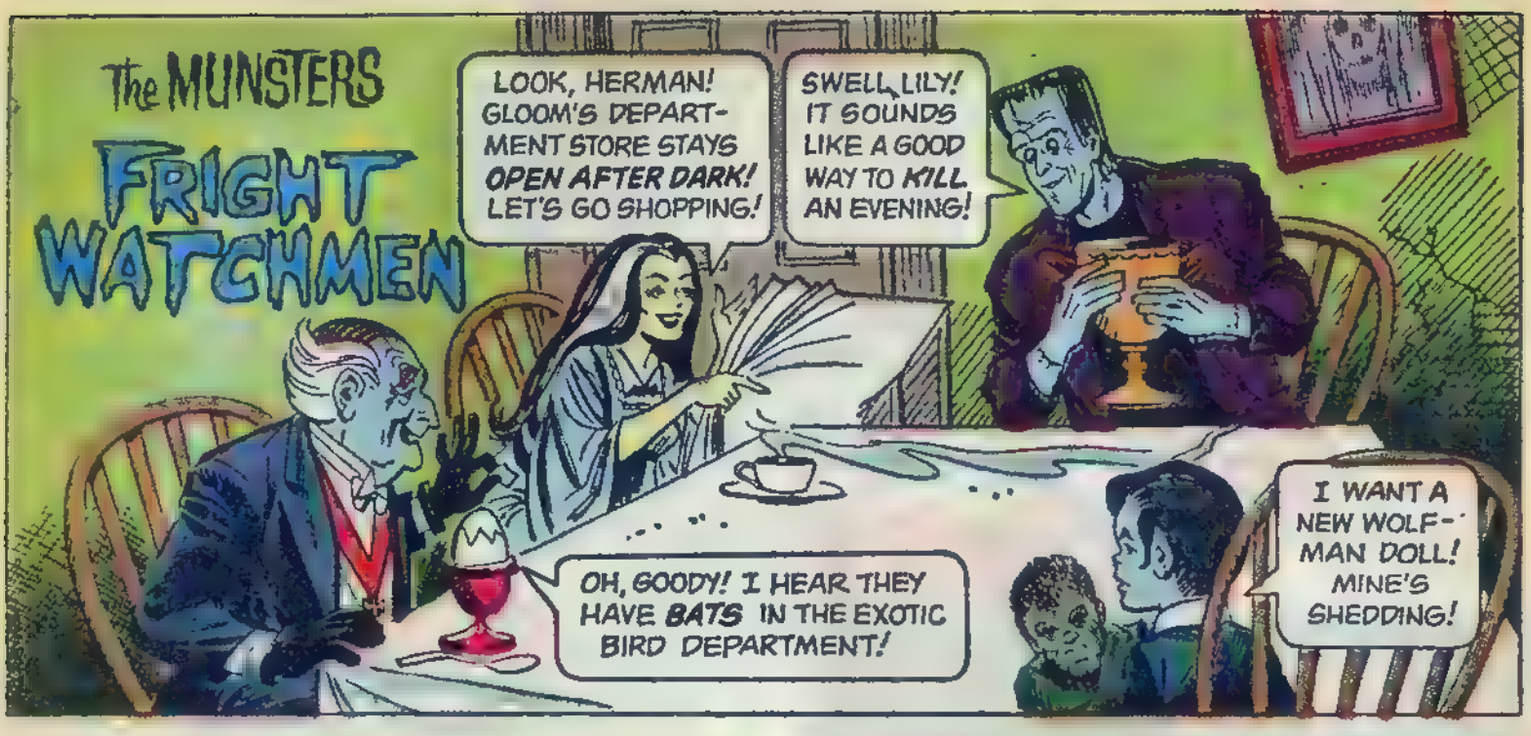
It was after midnight when the Baron, wearing his black dressing gown, entered the dark study. His wife, Selene, was sitting in front of the fire sewing. She was startled as the Baron entered the room, as she always was.

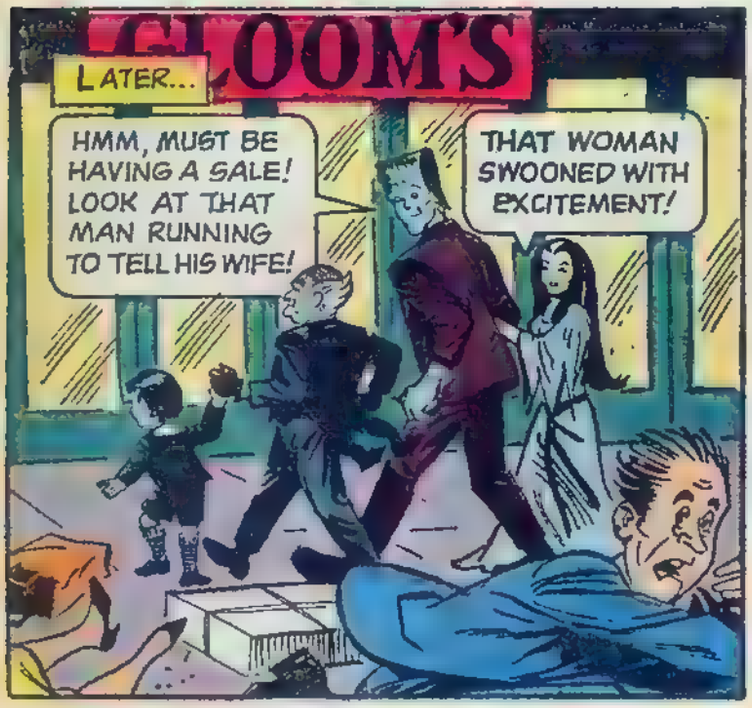
"Oh!" she exclaimed. "It's you, Baron. What's wrong? You seem upset!"

"It's nothing," replied the Baron. "Since you are sewing, my dear, perhaps you might do a little mending for me. I . . . eh . . . was strolling outside the castle tonight and was attacked by a ferocious dog. I do wish these villagers would keep their beasts on a leash. If you have time, would you mend this?"

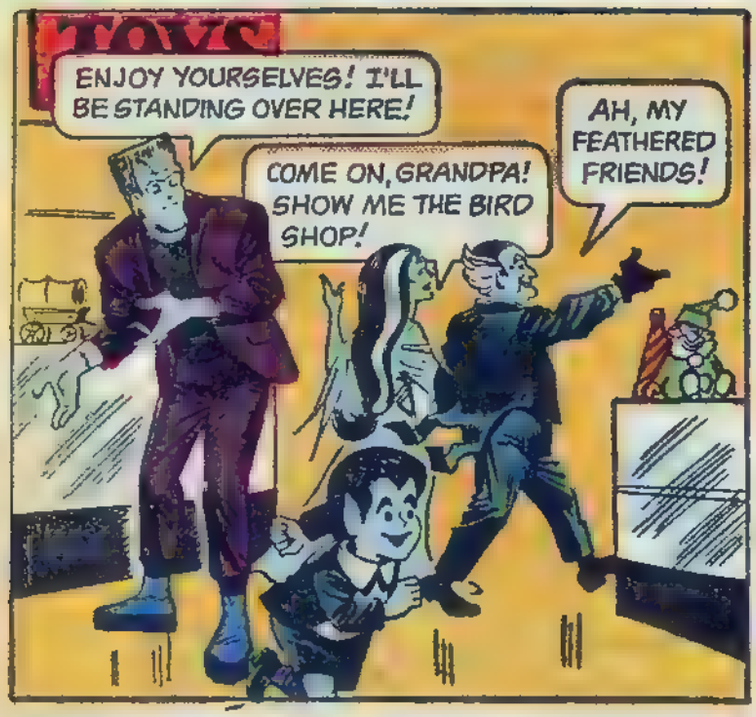
The Baron handed his wife a garment. She held it up to inspect the damage.

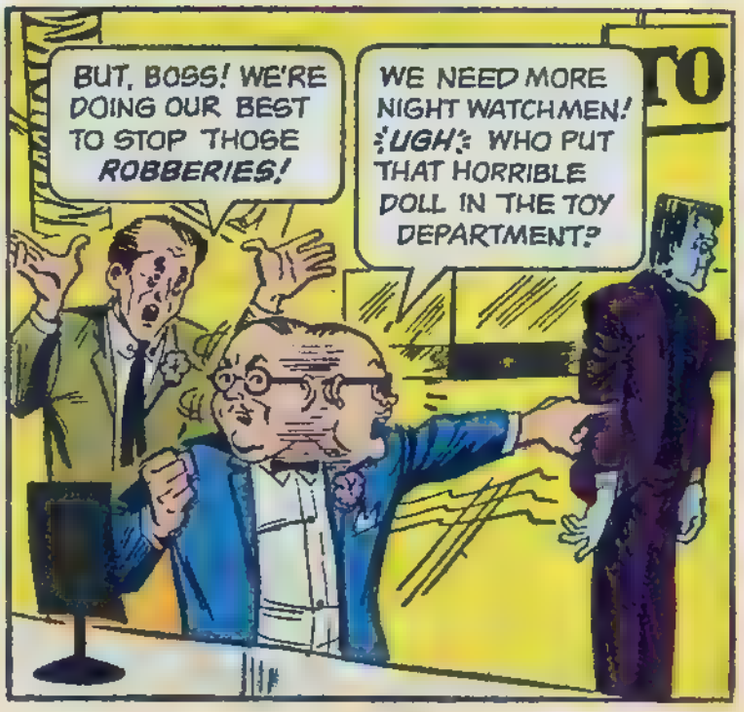
"Why do you insist on wearing these stupid Bermuda shorts when you go out on your evening constitutionals?" she asked as she reached for the thread. "It's no wonder all the villagers think you're a kook!"


The MUNSTERS
FRIGHT WATCHMEN
LOOK, HERMAN! GLOOM'S DEPARTMENT STORE STAYS OPEN AFTER DARK! LET'S GO SHOPPING!
SWELL, LILY! IT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD WAY TO KILL AN EVENING!
OH, GOODY! I HEAR THEY HAVE BATS IN THE EXOTIC BIRD DEPARTMENT!
I WANT A NEW WOLF-MAN DOLL! MINE'S SHEDDING!

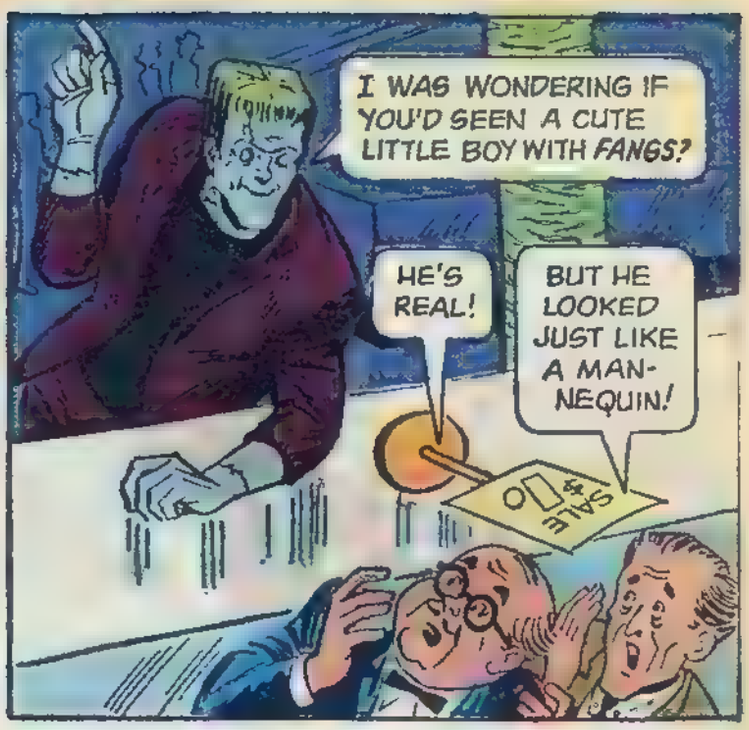

LATER...
GLOOM'S
HMM, MUST BE HAVING A SALE! LOOK AT THAT MAN RUNNING TO TELL HIS WIFE!
THAT WOMAN SWOONED WITH EXCITEMENT!

LET'S GO TO THE TOY DEPARTMENT FIRST!
O.K., EDDIE!
OH, BROTHER! THESE SALES BRING OUT ALL THE WEIRDOS!

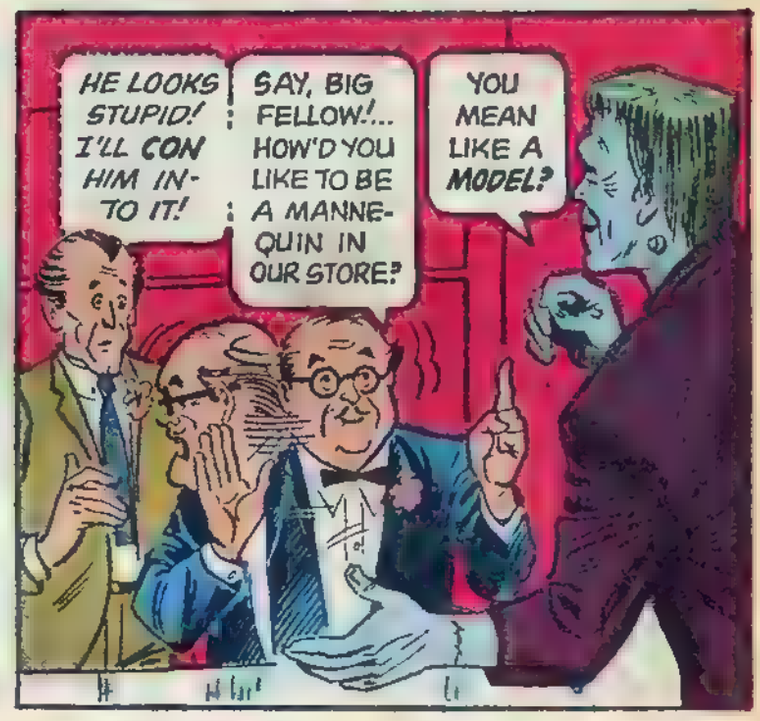

TOYS
ENJOY YOURSELVES! I'LL BE STANDING OVER HERE!
COME ON, GRANDPA! SHOW ME THE BIRD SHOP!
AH, MY FEATHERED FRIENDS!


BUT, BOSS! WE'RE DOING OUR BEST TO STOP THOSE ROBBERIES!
WE NEED MORE NIGHT WATCHMEN! UGH! WHO PUT THAT HORRIBLE DOLL IN THE TOY DEPARTMENT?

TOYS
EXCUSE ME, GENTLEMEN!
YEOW!

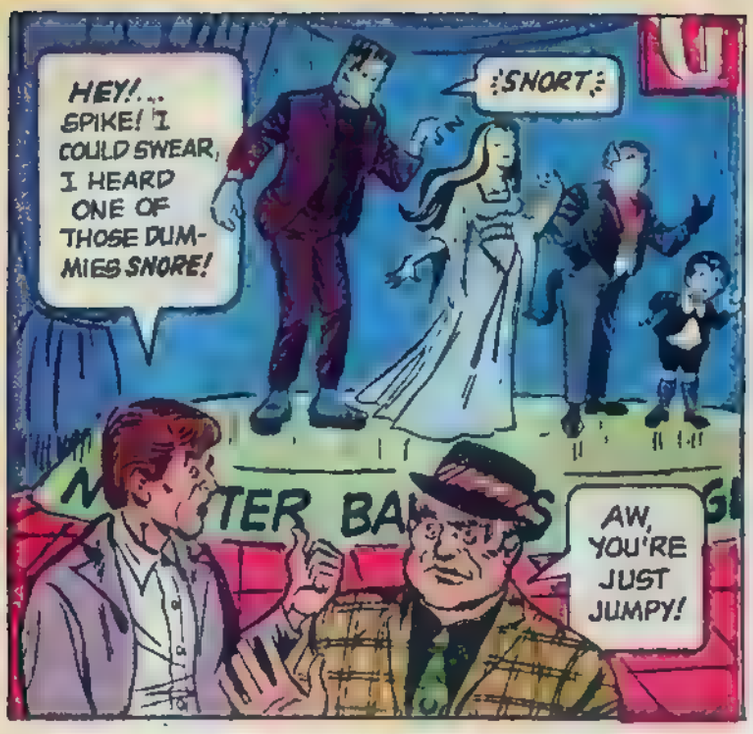

I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D SEEN A CUTE LITTLE BOY WITH FANGS?
HE'S REAL!
BUT HE LOOKED JUST LIKE A MAN-NEQUIN!
SALE

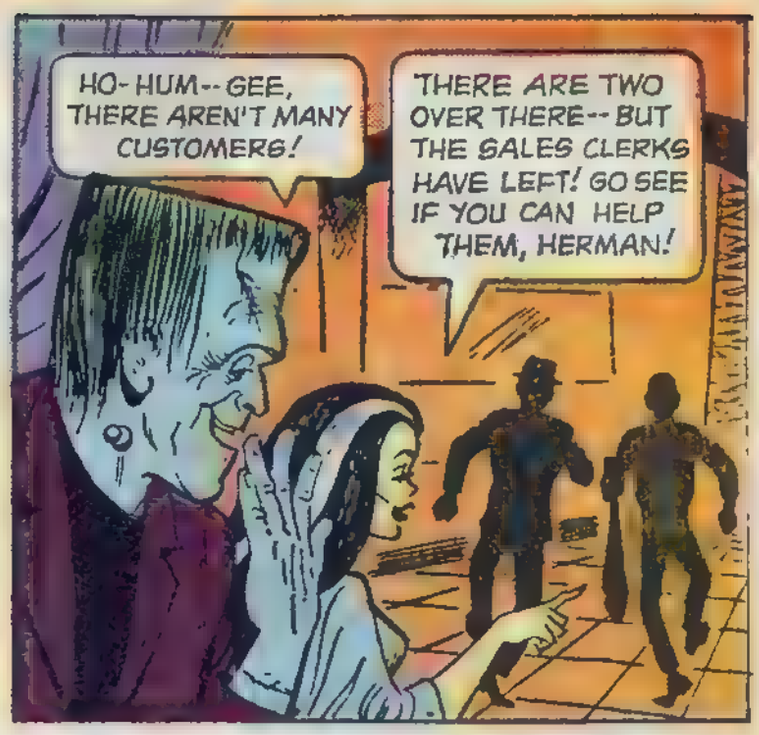
HMM! THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA! IF HE CAN FOOL US, THEN HE CAN FOOL THOSE BURGLARS!
HE'S ONLY ABOUT SO HIGH! HE ALWAYS WANTED HIS GROWTH STUNTED!
BY POSING AS A MANNEQUIN! GREAT IDEA, BOSS--BUT WILL HE GO FOR IT?


HE LOOKS STUPID! I'LL CON HIM IN-TO IT!
SAY, BIG FELLOW!... HOW'D YOU LIKE TO BE A MANNE-QUIN IN OUR STORE?
YOU MEAN LIKE A MODEL?

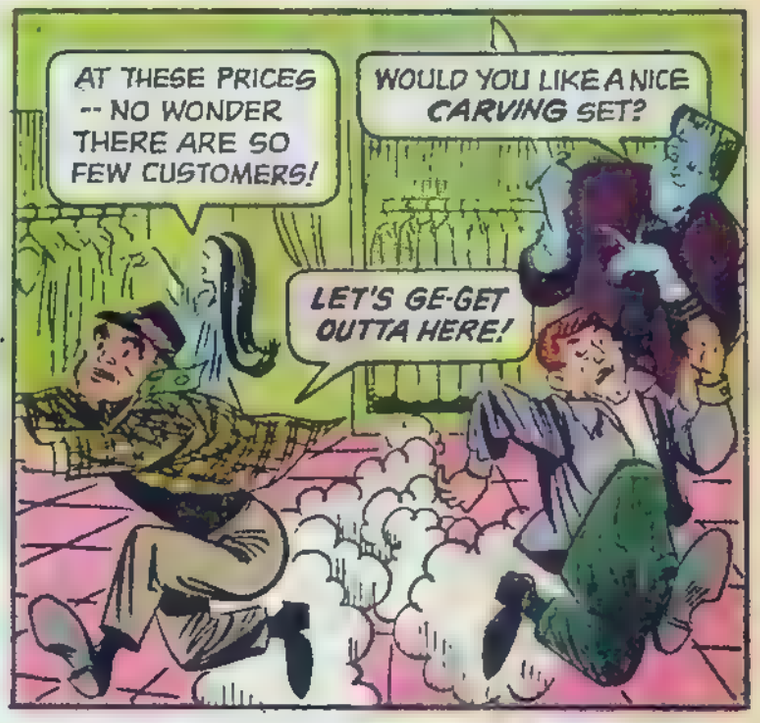
YEAH, SURE! LIKE A MODEL!
UGH! THERE'S A WHOLE FAMILY OF THEM!
HEY, LILY! THEY WANT ME TO BE A MANNEQUIN IN THIS STORE!
OH, HERMAN! I KNEW ONE DAY YOUR GOOD LOOKS WOULD PAY OFF!
YOU'LL BE THE BIGGEST DUMMY IN THE STORE!

WE CAN USE THE ENTIRE FAMILY!
SURE, FOLKS! YOU CAN ALL BE MANNEQUINS! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS STAND PERFECTLY STILL...
...AND WATCH OUT FOR SHOP-LIFTERS!
YOU BET! IF WE SEE ANY-ONE WHO LOOKS STRANGE, WE'LL LET YOU KNOW!
NOW WHO COULD LIFT A SHOP?
LATER...
GREAT DIS-PLAY, BOSS!
IT'S NOT ONLY A GOOD GIMMICK, BUT THEY CAN KEEP AN EYE ON THE STORE!
G
MONSTER BARGAIN
GLOOM'S
TIME PASSES..
THIS SURE IS DULL WORK! I'M GETTING SLEEPY!
SO AM I!
IT'S A GOOD THING WE ALL LEARNED TO SLEEP STAND-ING UP!
THAT NIGHT--THE MUNSTERS, FAST ASLEEP, ARE UNAWARE THAT THE STORE HAS BEEN CLOSED! THEN TWO BURGLARS ENTER...
ZZZZZ
!UGH!: LOOK AT THOSE DUMMIES!
GOOD TIMING, BOSS! THE NIGHT WATCH-MAN IS IN ANOTHER PART OF THE STORE!
MONSTE

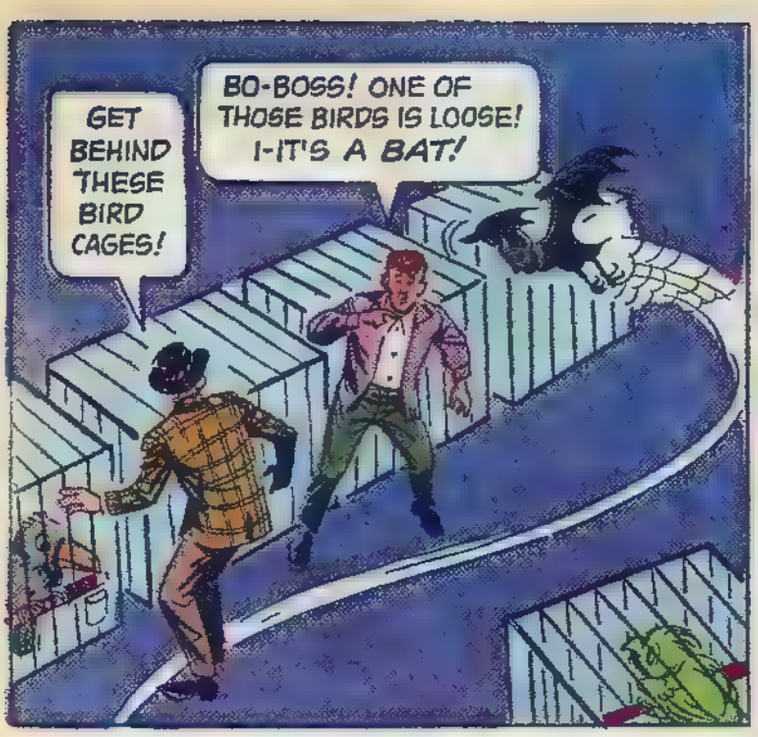

HEY!.. SPIKE! I COULD SWEAR, I HEARD ONE OF THOSE DUM-MIES SNORE!
:SNORT:
AW, YOU'RE JUST JUMPY!


HO-HUM-- GEE, THERE AREN'T MANY CUSTOMERS!
THERE ARE TWO OVER THERE-- BUT THE SALES CLERKS HAVE LEFT! GO SEE IF YOU CAN HELP THEM, HERMAN!

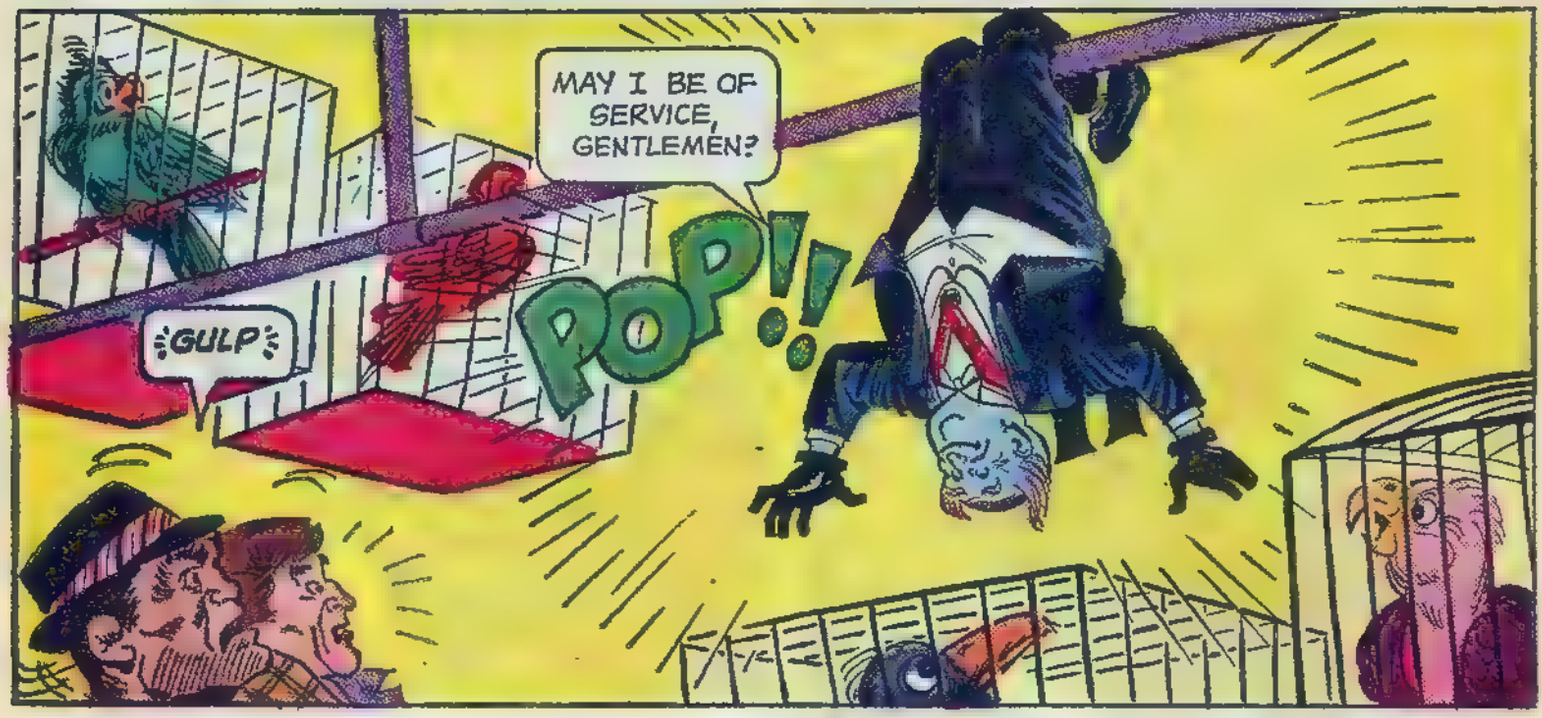
MAY I HELP YOU, GENTLEMEN?
ASK THEM WHERE THEY GOT THAT FUNNY SHOPPING BAG!
YIII!
IT'S REAL!

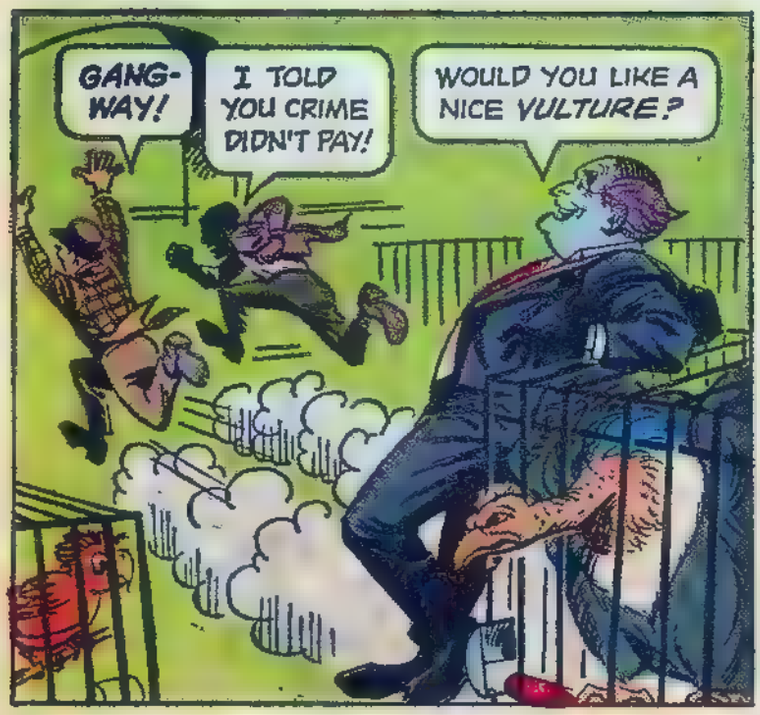

AT THESE PRICES -- NO WONDER THERE ARE SO FEW CUSTOMERS!
WOULD YOU LIKE A NICE CARVING SET?
LET'S GE-GET OUTTA HERE!

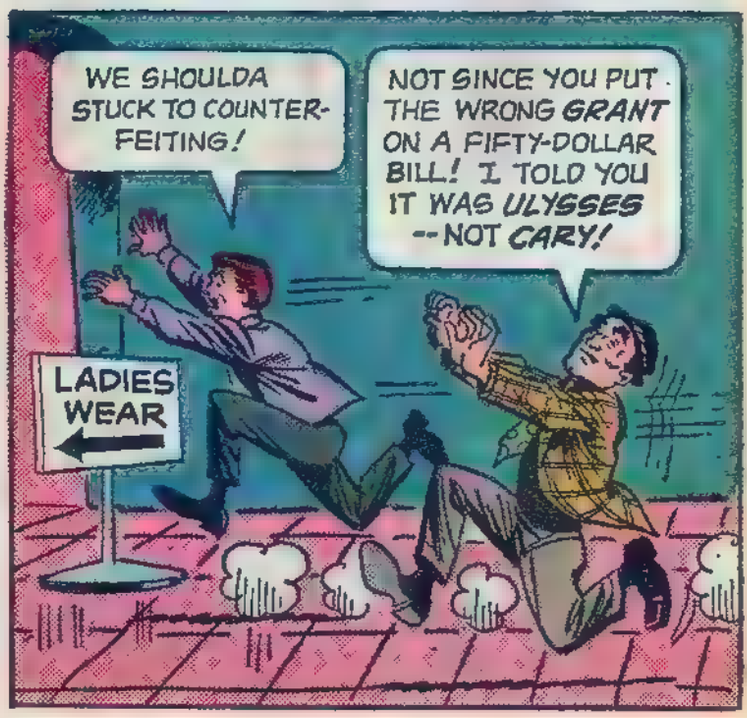
QUICK! HIDE IN HERE!
TROPICAL BIRD SHOP


GET BEHIND THESE BIRD CAGES!
BO-BOSS! ONE OF THOSE BIRDS IS LOOSE! I-IT'S A BAT!

FORGET IT! BATS CAN'T HURT YOU! WE'VE GOT ENOUGH PROBLEMS!
LO-LOOK! IT'S HANGING UPSIDE DOWN!

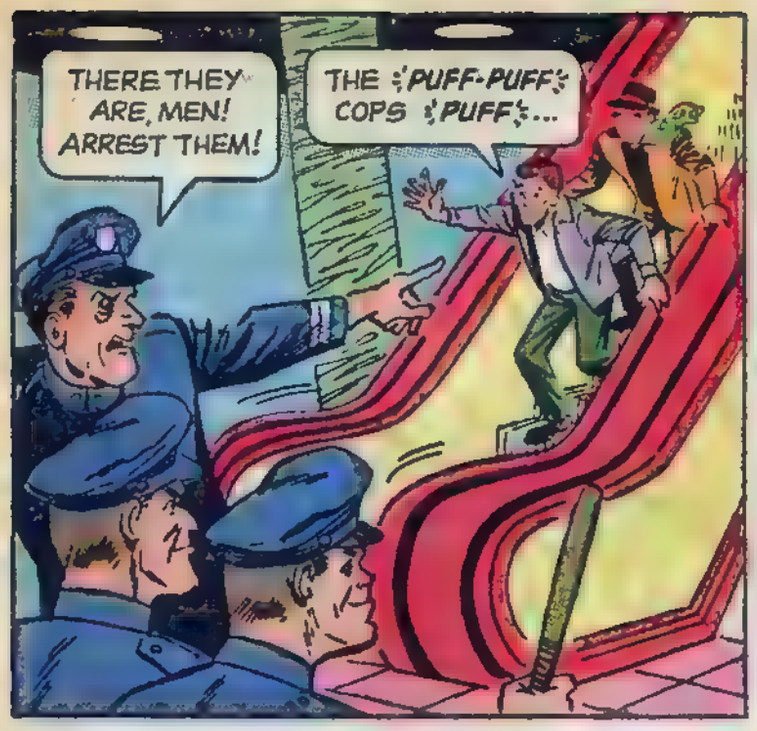

MAY I BE OF SERVICE, GENTLEMEN?
POP!!
GULP

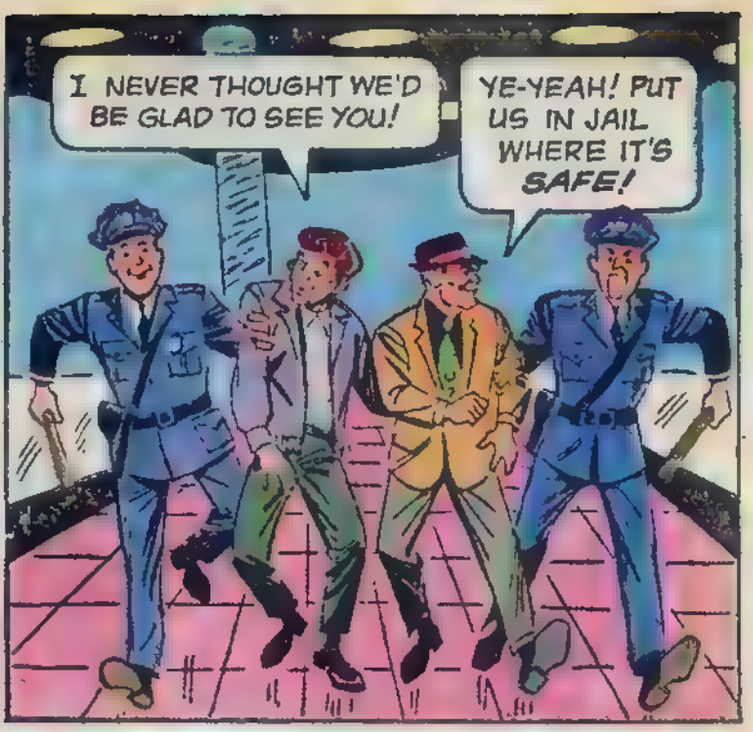

GANG-WAY!
I TOLD YOU CRIME DIDN'T PAY!
WOULD YOU LIKE A NICE VULTURE?

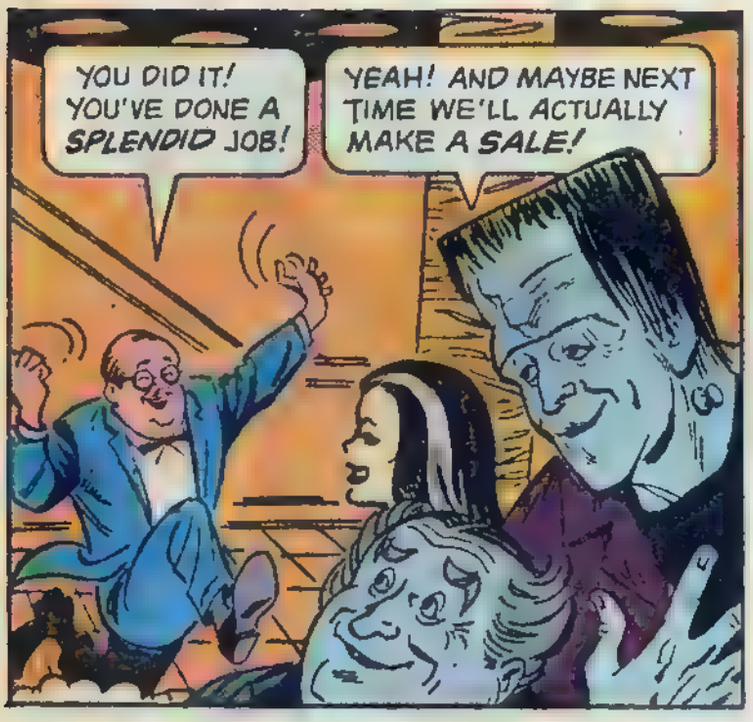

WE SHOULDA STUCK TO COUNTERFEITING!
NOT SINCE YOU PUT THE WRONG GRANT ON A FIFTY-DOLLAR BILL! I TOLD YOU IT WAS ULYSSES --NOT CARY!
LADIES WEAR

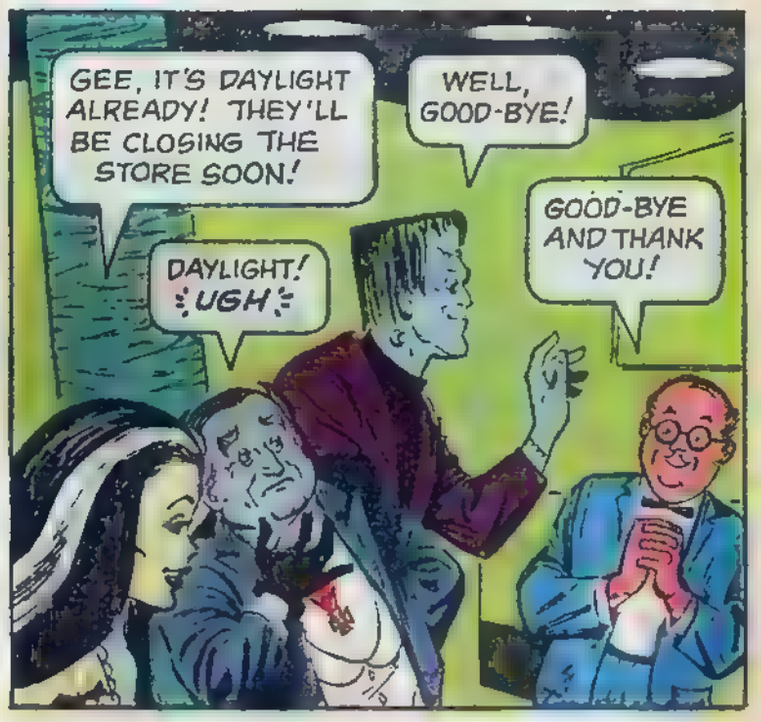
GRANDPA, DID THOSE TWO CUSTOMERS COME IN HERE?
YES, BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'RE BIRD LOVERS--THEY WENT OUT OF HERE LIKE A BAT!
THEY SEEM TO BE HAVING TROUBLE DECIDING WHAT TO BUY--PERHAPS I CAN HELP THEM!
MAYBE THEY WOULD LIKE A STOOL PIGEON!
THIS LOOKS LIKE A SAFE PLACE!
LADIES WEAR SALE
I'VE HEARD OF HIDING BEHIND A WOMAN'S SKIRT BEFORE, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT IT WOULD HAPPEN TO ME!
SHUT UP!
LOOKING FOR AN EVENING GOWN FOR YOUR WIVES? HOW SWEET!
N-NO THANKS, MISS!
PARDON US, MISS!
OH, THERE YOU ARE!... FELLOWS, WE HAVE SOME NICE TUXEDOS IN THE MEN'S DEPARTMENT!
THEY'LL LAST LONGER THAN YOU WILL! AND YOU CAN TAKE THEM WITH YOU!

UP ESCALATOR
UP
AH! THE ESCALATOR! FOLLOW ME!
HMM... THE ESCALATOR'S NOT RUNNING! I'LL TURN IT ON FOR THEM!
ESCALATOR CONTROL
ESCALATOR
UP
BOSS! THIS ESCALATOR'S GOING UP!
KEEP RUNNING!
MONSTER BARGAINS AT GLOOM'
BETTER NOW, FELLOWS?
SALE DAYS
SALE
I AM RUNNING! BUT I'M NOT GETTING ANYWHERE!
WE'RE TRAPPED!
THE ESCALATOR SEEMS TO BE BROKEN, FELLOWS! IF YOU'D CARE TO COME UP--
NE-NEVER MIND!


THERE THEY ARE, MEN! ARREST THEM!
THE :PUFF-PUFF: COPS :PUFF:...


I NEVER THOUGHT WE'D BE GLAD TO SEE YOU!
YE-YEAH! PUT US IN JAIL WHERE IT'S SAFE!


YOU DID IT! YOU'VE DONE A SPLENDID JOB!
YEAH! AND MAYBE NEXT TIME WE'LL ACTUALLY MAKE A SALE!


GEE, IT'S DAYLIGHT ALREADY! THEY'LL BE CLOSING THE STORE SOON!
WELL, GOOD-BYE!
DAYLIGHT! :UGH:
GOOD-BYE AND THANK YOU!

BOY, WHEN THEY SAY "MONSTER SALE", THEY REALLY MEAN IT!
I ALWAYS SAID THE PRICES WERE TOO HIGH IN THIS STORE! LOOK AT THE WAY THE CUSTOMERS RUN AWAY!
JUST CALL ME DIS-COUNT DRACULA! :HEH-HEH:
MONSTER SALE!

The MUNSTERS
MOVIE CRITICS
RIALTO
WORLD PREMIERE
THE HORRIBLE MONSTER
WHY TV
AND YOU, SIR! WHAT DID YOU THINK OF THE MOVIE?
I ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH!
WHAT PART DID YOU LIKE BEST?
OH, I LIKED IT WHEN THE HERO TURNED INTO A WOLFMAN!
AND I LIKED IT WHEN THE NICE MAN TURNED, INTO A BAT...
DID THE MOVIE SCARE YOU?
OF COURSE NOT! I ALWAYS ENJOY MOVIES THAT ARE TRUE TO LIFE!
NEXT WEEK
PLUS
SELECTED SHORT SUBJECTS

The MUNSTERS
BREAKFAST OF CHUMPS
OKAY, FOLKS! HERE IT IS, MY LATEST INVENTION!
X
IT'S MY OWN IMPROVED BREAK-FAST CEREAL! YOU KNOW HOW SOME CEREALS SNAP AND POP?
X
WELL, THIS ONE MAKES EVEN MORE NOISE! HERE, I'LL POUR IN A LITTLE BAT'S MILK...
BOOOOM!
WELL, YOU HAVE TO ADMIT IT GETS YOUR DAY STARTED WITH A BANG!
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